VERDON Views

NEWBOLD VERDON COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER ISSUE NO 48

ED'S SPOT

Hopefully by the time you read this the hanging baskets will be in position, once more brightening up our village.

How things have changed within Newbold Verdon over the past decade. We have a Community Association, a Community Centre, Verdon in Bloom, a Jazz Club and a newly formed Gardening Club, and of course our own newspaper. Newbold Verdon is alive and kicking. We are pleased to say that we have had a number of articles this time from younger members of the village - Great - keep sending them in.



VILLAGE QUEEN SCOUTS

Two former members of the 1st Newbold Verdon Venture Scout Unit have recently taken part in the St George's Day parade at Windsor Castle.

Simon Oram and Richard Goodman spent a long day in glorious sunshine on 21 April at the annual parade and revue by the President of the Scout Association HRH the Duke of Kent, followed by a service in St George's Chapel, Windsor.

Over 900 Venture Scouts from all over the UK. took part, each having gained the Queen's Scout Award in the past year.

It is the highest award in the Scout movement for members, Simon and Richard are the first members of the 1st Newbold Verdon Venture Scout Unit, since it was formed 6 years ago to achieve the award.

They received the badges at a ceremony held in Newbold Verdon Scout HQ in September 1995 and then travelled to the Guildhall in London in December to attend a reception and be presented with the certificate from the Chief Scout Garth Morrison.

It is an honour and a great achievement for them both and is greatly deserved.

Simon continues to use his experience as assistant Scout Leader, a post he has held for 3 years and Richard, who is just completing his university studies is planning to help at various walking and hiking activities.

Many congratulations to them both.

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESSES



This year has seen a number of successes for the Primary School cross-country team. While the numbers competing were down on previous years, the enthusiasm of all who competed was very pleasing.

The most notable success was by Rachel Trotman who won the Area Championship for Years 3 and 4 girls - the first time that a girl from Newbold has won this trophy - well done Rachel!. Of the four races, Rachel won one, was second in two and third in the other.

Rachel was joined in the County Championships on a wet day in Oakham by Adam Corrigan, Adam Willett and Kirsty Looms. Adam Corrigan produced an outstanding run to finish 4th, while Rachel recovered from a slow start to finish an excellent 5th. Well done to all who competed throughout the season, and special thanks to Mr Potter for his help and encouragement.

CARNIVAL QUEEN

Carnival Queen and attendants wanted for Scout Gala Day on 17th August

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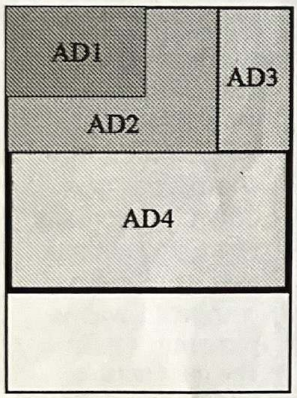
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This edition cost 20p per copy to produce.

If you are aged between 7 and 16, live in the village, and would like to apply, please write your reason for applying in not more than two or three sentences, Send these with a recent photograph to
Mrs M. Chappell, 5 Rush Close, Newbold Verdon, no later than 28th June.

SCOUT GALA DAY

17th August

The venue for this years Gala Day on the 17th August is once again the lovely setting of HALL FARM Newbold Verdon by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs.A. Milner.
The Scout Gala Committee are planning a variety of side-shows and arena events during the afternoon to delight everyone young and old.
The parade of decorated floats will be led by Barlestone Band, the theme this year is"Festivals of the year".
The usual stalls will be found including skittles, hoop-la, tombola, cakes, plants, raffle for a First prize of a colour television, darts, bottle raffle etc. For the really young the roller coaster and hook a duck stall will again be available, with hopefully the added attraction of donkey rides.
Children's sports, including wellie throwing for the older ones, and dog show will take place during the afternoon.
Wendy Deacon will have once again have lots of tempting cakes, scones etc. to enjoy with your cup of tea while listening to the band.
The Horticultural Tent will be showing all your prize blooms and wonderful produce. Show schedules will be available in the local shops soon.
It is hoped to have a beer tent this year, along with a tug of war and tossing the hay bale competition.
A balloon race will also take place with £100 1st prize to the one travelling the farthest distance.
A new idea this year is a "Skittle Week", this will start at the Old White Swan on Monday evening 12 August and continue every evening throughout the week with the final playoff on Saturday afternoon at the Hall Farm.

DECORATED FLOATS

This year's theme is "FESTIVALS OF THE YEAR". Any group, organisation or street wishing to enter a decorated float or walking entry, please contact: Scout Gala Secretary: Lin Oram, 822017, 10 Laburnum Avenue, Newbold Verdon

TUG-OF-WAR

Teams and/or individuals for the tug-of-war Competition wishing to enter, please contact Scout Gala Secretary: Lin Oram, 822017, 10 Laburnum Avenue, Newbold Verdon
More information on this and all the other Gala events will be publicised in the shops and on the village notice boards.
Please come along and support the Scout Group and enjoy, hopefully a fun packed afternoon.

LEAVING HOME FOR UNIVERSITY

There are the well known 'university student', stereotypes - but is it all John Smiths, Balti's and late nights? One lad's story...

University presents many opportunities, both social and academic and if you live away from home - that much sought after, though highly daunting, independence. Mixed emotions surround the whole experience - there are natural reservations - will I make friends? Is the course right for me? Will I be able to cope? How will I fit in?
It's important to remember that everyone is in the same boat and you do make friends - those people you live with, on your course and in the numerous clubs and societies on offer. Most universities hold "Freshers' Week" an ideal opportunity to meet loads of people, drink well in excess of the recommended weekly units (Barley water of course!!) and generally have a really good time
Of course it is a big move, one of the most important in many peoples' lives. But after two terms at university I'd recommend anyone with the opportunity to go.
Teaching styles vary with the type of course you're doing but the 'lecture' s a consistent feature of every university. While the number of students is considerably larger than college lecturers are approachable and tutorials with smaller groups present opportunities to discuss any particular problems. Help and advice is always readily available.
There are disadvantages however. Mum is no longer there to wash those smalls and pasta features very highly on that 'student' diet. Be it BA's, BSc's or HND, university is hard work and is very demanding, but it is really the opportunity of a lifetime so my advice would be ... go for it.
Philip East

CONGRATULATION TO PHILIP ON ATTAINING HIS SILVER MEDAL IN BALLROOM DANCING AT ASTON

UNIVERSITY IN MAY - from all your friends at the Newbold Verdon Social Dance Club.

GUIDE NEWS

t1Market Bosworth Division .
Newbold Verdon District.
We are looking to recruit;
Adult Leaders for the Brownie and Guide sections in our district.
If you would like to work with girls between the ages of 7 and 15 and would like to know more about it, then I would be pleased to hear from you. These are voluntary positions and require a certain amount of commitment and dedication. In return you too, as well as the girls, can gain satisfaction from it. No previous experience is required as training will be given.
Guiding regulations now say there has to be two adults at a meeting at all times. Our Guide Company is currently running with one adult and getting help on a temporary basis. Unless we can find new Leaders, this Unit is in danger of closing.
We are also looking for new members in our Rainbow and Brownie sections. Numbers are low at the moment so if you would like your daughter to join us then please contact us. The Rainbow age group is age 5-7 and Brownies are age 7-10+.
I f you are interested in becoming an adult Leader then please contact; Pat Mutton (District Commisioner), 153, Main St, Newbold Verdon. Tel. 01455 823025.
If you would like your daughter to be placed on our waiting list (places are now available) then please contact any of the following:
1st N.V Brownies, Pat Mutton, (meet Thursdays).
2nd N.V Brownies, Bev Ewen, Tel 01455 822736 (Meet Mondays).
1st N V Rainbows, Maureen Dixon, Tel: 01455 822820. Meet Thursdays)

OUR THANKS

Kathleen and Alan Roach would like to thank everyone who contributed to the fund which was raised for Kathleen. It was a wonderful gesture greatly appreciated and so nice to realise there are so many caring people out there.
Special thanks to Karl and Tony (Jubilee) and special thanks to all the family for their loving care.

CONGRATULATIONS

Kathy on completing the London Marathon in April.
Many of us were supporting you from the comfort of our armchairs, sipping cool drinks and cheering you on! A total of over £1,400 was raised from sponsorship, for the two charities of Kathy's choice.Well done again!!

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Arthur and Winnie of 10 Chadwick Close, would like to thank all their friends for their lovely cards, presents and good wishes, on the occasion of their Golden wedding.It was all very much appreciated. Thank you once again. Arthur and Winnie.

VERDON PLAYERS' DINNER DANCE: 27TH APRIL

Thank you Chris James for arranging a super night out at "The Hercules", at Sutton Cheney. We had live music, which was enjoyed by everyone.
Verdon Player Member

FOR SALE

Raleigh Bianca girl's bike, suit 7-11 years. £20.00 ono Raleigh Caprice ladies' bike with rear child seat and front basket.£30.00 ono Townsend mountain bike, suit

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CONGRATULATIONS

So you've made it at last LYNNE MANN! Joined the Big 40 club (in many cases just as many of your friends are about to leave it!!) Thank you from your friends, for the super party you gave on Friday 24th May. It was up to expectations. xxxx

VERDON IN BLOOM ASSOC.

At the time of writing (early May) it looks doubtful if the village lampposts will carry flower baskets this year.
The County Council have reported serious problems with the concrete posts and consider quite rightly, that some are dangerous. They have refused permission for the flower baskets to be hung from the posts.
This has meant a complete revision of our plans and it may not be possible to make all the arrangements in time for this year.

NEWBOLD VERDON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The institue has a varied programme of speakers this year.
We have already heard of the work of the Salvation Army and have been transported to the Far East with the help of slides and the experiences of Mr Cartwright who travelled through it. In April we learnt of the people who had "passed through" Leicester during its long and interesting history. In May we boosted our funds with a Bring and Buy. We play skittles, visit shows (of both the entertainment and horticulteral kind) and find our how our ancestors lived in "service" at the "Big House"
Still to come we have an Antiques Roadshow in June and a Ramble in July. We will be finding out about "life as a Tiller Girl" in October, while in August Mr Ginns will be telling us of "a matter of grave concern". If you would like to join us, you will be made most welcome. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month (except July) in the Church Hall at 7:30 pm. If you would like to know more about use, contact Christine Geoghan (Tel 823459).

M.E. AND ME BY EMMA MURPHY

It all started in April, 1994 when I was 12. For the previous few months, I had been feeling tired and had a number of viruses. It

all came to a head in exam week, when I felt really ill, but everyone just said it was exam nerves.
Within a couple of days, my parents realised that I was ill and we went to the doctors. We were told that it was just a virus, to take paracetamol, rest and I would be better soon. About a week later, I thought that my virus had gone and I had a lovely weekend with my best friend.
I went back to school, but within two days, I was ill with the same thing again. My symptoms were a sore throat, headache, leaden limbs, sore eyes, loss of appetite, bloodshot eyes and very poor circulation. For the next few weeks, I had weekly visits to various G.P.'s, who did a variety of tests, but could not find anything definite. We did wonder if I had glandular fever, but we were told "No".
During this time, I was unable to attend school. All I could do was lie on the settee watching T.V. I did try to read but I could not concentrate for long and it hurt my eyes. At the end of May, the Doctor said, "I can't do any more for you, so I'll get you an appointment at the hospital." We considered cancelling our holiday in France but the G.P. said that it would do me good. We had a disastrous holiday. We came back and my parents requested that we move the appointment forward, because when the appointment had come through, it said we had to wait 13 weeks to be seen, but we decided this was not good enough and we managed to get the doctor to bring forward the appointment.
I went to see the Paediatric Consultant, who took a lot of blood tests. I found him very sympathetic and felt as if he talked to me rather to my parents. At the next appointment (three weeks later), he told me that they had found a trace of the Glandular Fever virus, but unfortunately there was no known treatment. Over the next few months, he tried various medicines, but nothing worked.
We realised about this time, that I needed some help with my school work and found out about the Home Tutoring Service, provided by the Children's Hospital School at the Leicester Royal Infirmary (L.R.I.) We managed to arrange for a home tutor to come to teach me twice a week for one hour per session, and my tutor arranged for me to borrow a computer to do my work, because I was too weak to write.
The next twelve months were a blur, where one day blended into the next. I just lay on the sofa and this depressed me, because I was not able to do anything, nor had I any interest in anything. We did try another holiday and it was slightly better, because we were better prepared. My Granny came to visit and seeing me gave her a bit of a shock. She could not believe how ill I was.
I was lucky though, that my friends were real friends, and they kept in touch and visited me to try to cheer me up. I was also pleasantly surprised to receive a letter from a girl I did not know, who had had M.E. and knew what I was going through. She continued to write with long newsy letters, which I looked forward to receiving, even though I only replied in short notes. Even now, we still keep in touch. Along with my friends and the girl who wrote to me, the Hospital School was a great help in keeping me in touch with reality.

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Gradually, I started to go to the Hospital School. I also attended hydrotherapy at the L.R.I., because I could hardly walk and had extremely poor circulation (freezing feet) and on top of that, I had an ingrowing toenail!
After a year, we began to see an improvement. This was very gradual, but then, last December, something clicked and I felt human again. I managed to go dog walking and horse riding, which had been impossible whilst I was ill. I am now fully recovered and was discharged from hydrotherapy, the Hospital School and the Hospital. I am back at school full time and I am starting my GCSE course work after the Summer. Amazingly, I have kept up with all my class mates, which I am very pleased about, since I was worried I would be moved down a year.
I found the most distressing part of my illness was when no-one believed I was ill. I would like to say to anyone who is reading this and is going through this, that you are not alone and there is help out there for you.
I would like to thank all my family, friends, doctors, Hospital School, taxi company, Hydrotherapy Department and English Martyrs School.
If you would like to know more, please write to me at 56 Peters Avenue, Newbold Verdon, Leics., LE9 9PR.

N.V.C.A. FASHION SHOW

N.V.C.A. Fashion Show. Friday 26th April saw a most enjoyable evening of fashions modelled by our own Newbold ladies. Anita's of Earl Shilton, Zig Zag of Newbold Verdon and Unit One of Ashby, provided the clothes for the evening.
Raffle prizes for the evening were donated by the shops. Many sales were made on the night, and no doubt others took place following the event, as 10% discount was offered on purchases made during the week. Thanks to all those who took part, and who supported the event.

J.J.FAMILY CHRISTMAS.

Well what if it is only June!!!
Before you know it we will be listening to Rudolph on the radio, practising for carol concerts and stocking the freezer with mince pies, so let's get ready!! It is proposed to present a Family Christmas this December, so start preparing your acts.We need Dinkies, Wrinklies and Crinklies taking part to make it a REAL FAMILY EVENT! This year two brave young teenagers have "begged" to be allowed to take on the planning and running of the event, so we are graciously standing down to let them have a go. We need varied acts, -music, dancing, singing, comedy and light entertainment, preferably with a Christmas theme. If you do not feel happy treading the boards, but have some suitable material, please let us know. As you will know if you have supported us in the past, anything goes!! Help us to help the youngsters in the village show what they have to offer. Please contact Michael Mann on 824664 or Rebecca James 823123

NICHOLAS MARTIN

Having just returned from this concert at the Methodist Hall, I felt I had to write to the Verdon Views.
As I write this I am listening to Nicholas Martin's C.D. and marvelling again at the young man's talent. His sense of humour and fun, helps to make his concert even more enjoyable. The hall was packed to its full capacity, yet everyone had a super view of his fleeting fingers. We were all served a supper and hot drink by the Church members. Let's hope the Church Development Fund has been swelled by the proceeds of the evening. While mentioning talent in the village, I feel we in Newbold are very fortunate. Every month we have the opportunity to listen to well-known and often world famous, Jazz bands in our own Working Mens Club. The cost is surely within most people's pockets, and of course once there, the drinks are most reasonably priced. Well done Newbold!!

SURGERY RECEIVES 1000 POUNDS



A cheque for 1000 pounds was presented to the Surgery by the Working Men's club. The money was raised by the club holding a variety of events. Pictured are Bet Statham, Dr Richard Brittian, Dr Paul Davenport, Robert Davey (Sec), Terry Davis (Treasurer), David Enson, (President), Bert Edwards, Michael Nutting, Arthur Hammersley (Committee)

LORD MAYOR'S APPEAL

On Friday 3rd May, at the Working Men's club, Joyce Crooks drew her Grand Raffle.
There were many superb prizes to be won. The evening was well supported and the Jazz group - Tad Newton's friends played throughout the night. It was



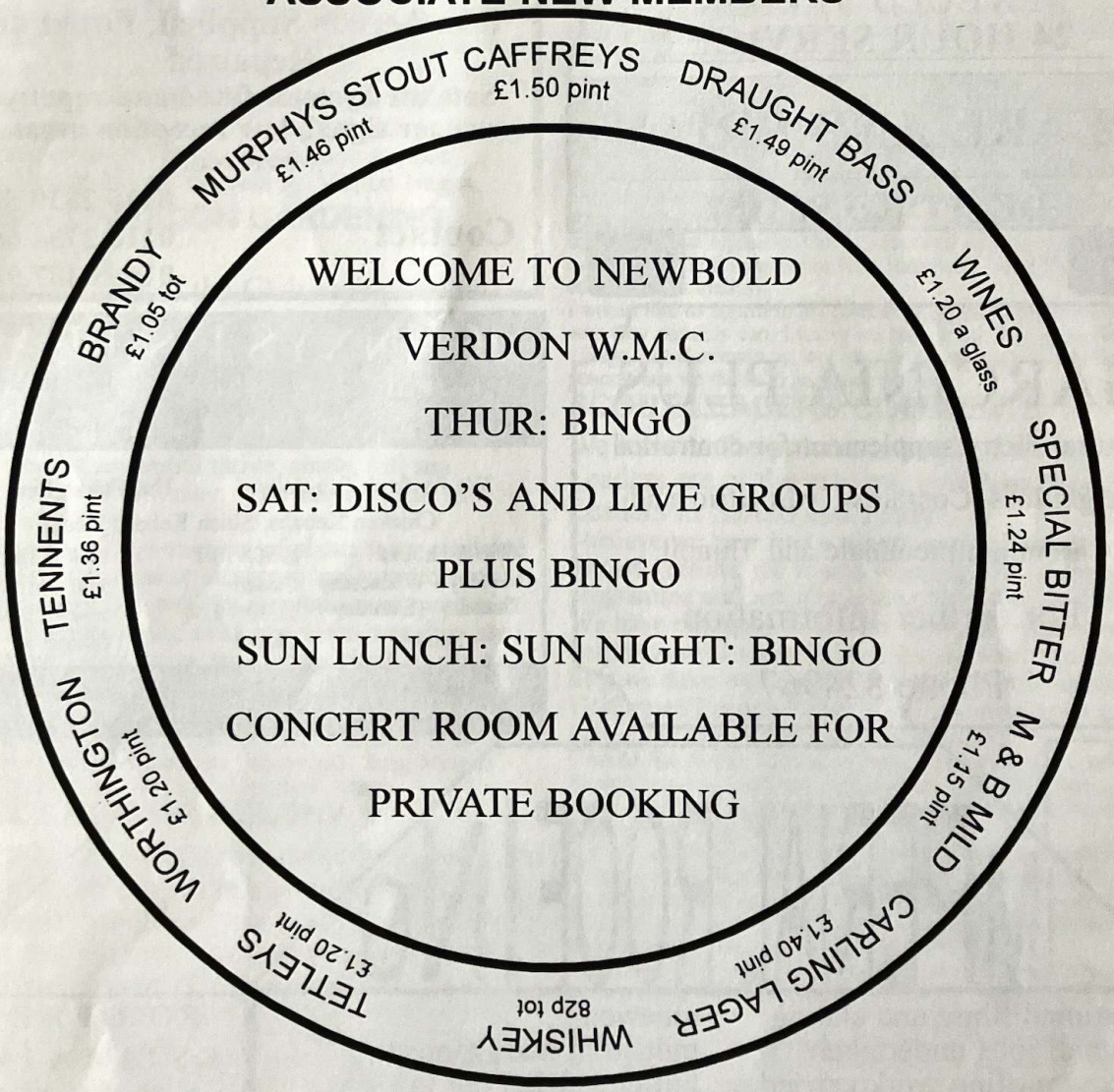
kind of John Ryde to invite members of the N.V.C.A. along to be part of the celebrations, and be photographed presenting a cheque for £112 that was raised for the appeal at Christmas. In total, Joyce will have raised an amount in the region of £8,000 for her charity - Asthma Research. Joyce has enjoyed her year, but admits she is ready for a rest! (and a holiday no doubt!).

GARDEN SPOT

Fuschias. One of the most popular garden and greenhouse plants and one which most agree no garden in summer should be without, is the fuschia.

A stunning plant when seen as prize winning blooms at Summer shows and one which offers us all colours except yellow, but the success of the fuschia is its adaptability. Every garden, no matter how small, formal or wild, has room for a fuschia with equal ease, it's a matter of knowing which type to put where. None are great lovers of heat, although they come from Central and Southern America, most are natives of the cool coastal strip or upland areas. This can be seen in your plants as Autumn approaches when the cooler temperatures, fog and mist give the fuschia a new lease of life. So it is somewhat heartbreaking when the frosts cut them down as it is then that they are usually in their prime! There is a group known as the hardy fuschia although in fact, most are more or less hardy in most areas. I have often left bedding fuschsias outside over Winter and to have them flourish the following Summer. The trick is to plant

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them deeper than normal pot level, with the base of the stem about 8cm below soil level, and watch out for late spring frosts killing early leaves. They will act like herbaceous plants, new growth appearing from below soil level. Established plants survive much better, so don't expect September cuttings to reappear. For a low hedge within the garden try the hardiest varieties such as Fuschsia megalomaniac 'Molinae' with small white flowers blushed with pink. The red 'Riccartonii' is similar and both are excellent for naturalising in the wild garden, looking great with ferns, hostas and autumn bulbs. For rockeries try 'Tom Thumb'. Most will agree though, the best height to view a fuschia is where you can peer up into the flowers to appreciate their full beauty. This usually means hanging baskets. Use an upright type in the centre and trailers round the edges and with the stunning variety of hybrids now available in garden centres and through mail order, the biggest problem is where to put all the ones you have chosen. Don't forget to check the label as to whether you are buying uprights or trailers. Feed every time you water, and pinch out young growth until you have the desired bushiness. Pinching out will put flowering back six weeks, but you will get twice as many flowers. Incidentally, the seed heads are edible, though I don't recommend them as an addition to your summer salads! Happy Gardening. Marion Negus.

NEWBOLD VERDON GARDENING CLUB 1996

The first meeting of the Club took place on Wednesday, 15th May at "The Old Swan" and was very well attended.

We were treated to a very interesting talk by the owner, Sue Gill, of Charley Knoll Nursery at Copt Oak, on "Perennials". We learned of a wide variety of plants, where they would thrive: shade, full sun, boggy, dry, good soil, clay. You name it, and suitable plants can be found.

After the talk, a large number of plants were available for sale, and the speaker answered any questions on the plants displayed, besides members own queries.

A varied programme of talks and visits was discussed and everyone went home happily anticipating the next meeting when the speaker will be Bob Haskins talking on how to improve your soil.

The meetings will take place on the third Wednesday of each month. New members welcome. Interested? Ring Myanna Perks 823230 or Val Hill 822857 for more details.

SUSSEX BEAVER COLONY

Last Spring & Summer we were lucky with the weather and managed many outdoor activities including a ramble, a litter pick, a trip to the park to test the new equipment, a water evening and the annual "Cricket Match".

After a late start (the bus went to Newbold to pick us up!) we enjoyed our District outing at Gulliver's Kingdom, and we also attended the pantomime at Loughborough in January. We had a good turnout for the District Card Service and Daniel Gebala won a prize for the best decorated Christmas Card.

We have been running with a full colony for the past 12 months and have a full waiting list. 6 Beavers have moved up to Cubs and we wish them every success with the pack.

Unfortunately due to work commitments we have lost our adult helper Stewart Barnes. Our thanks for his past help, but our Scout helper Andrew Davis is still with us. Many thanks to them both for their help.

Assistant Beaver Leader, Bev Preston has now completed all her training and has been running the colony since Christmas due to the work commitments of the beaver Leader Julie Taylor. To retain a full compliment of leaders we are changing to the later time of 6.30pm - 7.15pm.

Finally we would like to thank all parents, past & present and our husbands and families for their help & support.

GSL'S REPORT

Since taking on the post last August I have been totally surprised at the level of activities taking place within the Scout Group.

When you stop to consider that every adult gives up their time on a voluntary basis, it is quite remarkable what is achieved.

I like, most parents in the village, just paid the necessary fees and that was the end of it. No thought went into the actual process that went along with all the activities.

Each sections leaders are always working on a week to week basis to provide the activities for the boys so that they can get the most out of their time with their units.

At present we have unfortunately lost two leaders from the Cub Pack, Jenny Hickinbotham & Nicky Oram. We wish them well and give them our thanks for their past help. Graham Frost from the Cub Pack has received his Wood Badge, and Bev Preston has recently completed her training as Assistant Beaver Leader.

Behind the scenes there are the members of the committee, without whom the group could not function, as it is the committee that organises the various fund raising events that go to pay the bills for the Scout Hut, Insurance, Mini Bus, Repairs etc. the list is endless.

I would like to appeal to all parents to please support us in any way they possibly can. I know we have a thriving group in the village, but to remain so, not only for your son but also for future generations we do need parental support.

SCOUT LEADERS COMMENTS

We have at the present a troop of 28 boys. Leaders are at the present, two Assistant Scout Leaders in Simon and Andy.

I believe we have had a superb year achieving fantastic results, the scouts working with a very good programme and actually getting lots of achievements. We have managed to achieve a great deal this year despite several setbacks, but due to family and parental help we have managed well. We are still looking for Uniformed Leaders/Helpers as new ideas are a great help in achieving the ideals of scouting.

I would like to take this opportunity in welcoming our new GSL, Steve Wren and thank our expiring one Margaret Corns and thank her for all she has done in the past. I am sure we will miss Margaret but wish her well in her new job.

We do need to raise a lot more money for a minibus with seat Belts in as this new law becomes valid in February 1997. So I plead with all parents to give your support and help to both committees to achieve our aims in acquiring a new minibus and new equipment desperately needed.. Thank you.

As most of the parents are aware, we have finished fixing the canoes and getting the GP14 ready for the water, but we still need life preservers and Paddles. We are building up equipment for Climbing and Abseiling activities and I believe come this year we should be self sufficient. The bad news is that we will have to start replacing tentage in the near future as a lot of it is over 15 years old.

I am at present a little concerned for the lack of support we tend to get for events held during the weekends, yes I do appreciate that boys have other activities, but every weekend do parents not support their children any more. When I do ask boys to come and help or to enter competitions it seems to be the same ones every time. Are we doing something wrong, if so I would like to

DIARY OF EVENTS

15 June	Barn Dance caller Colin Tristam	Newbold Verdon Community Centre 8:00 till late
17 August	Gala Day	Hall Farm
5 October	Rock and Country Evening	Newbold Verdon Community Centre 8:00pm
9 November	Christmas Fare	Newbold Verdon Community School
6 December	Flower arranging evening	Newbold Verdon Community Centre
14 December	Family Christmas	Newbold Verdon Community Centre

know.
I have managed to get parental help in certain activities and also acquire Water Activity Supervisor Certification in the Venture Unit (i.e. ex scouts), I am looking for more, Walking Supervisor (Form 'M'), Climbing/Abseiling Advisor and Water Activity Supervisors, I do have all the forms, all I need is the volunteers. How about it, give it a go, you may even enjoy it.
We seem to have little problem creeping in but I'm sure they can be overcome, So far Camping has caused a little setback, where the boys scout programme calls for certain activities but hurdles are being placed in their way, I will try and accommodate everyone but a little trust is needed. Yes I appreciate the world is not a nice place, but lets try to change it, not give in to it.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Several major achievements this year were:
First, the Chief Scout Challenge awards last November to Christopher Long, Martin Machell, Steven Eales and Robert Timson having completed a very difficult course walking the Peaks of Derbyshire.
Congratulations to all four..
Secondly, The Chief Scout Awards to Austen Constable, Christopher Long, Richard Hayes, Martin Machell and Robert Timson , the presentation for Austen took place at County Hall February 1996, again congratulations to all of them it is a difficult award to achieve.
I am pleased to say Austen and Christopher has been successful in achieving B1 Waters Activities Supervisor.
During the last year our activities have included Hill Walking in Derbyshire, camping, sailing, canoeing and pioneering etc.
Challenges includes our 1st and 5th places at The Rutland Golden Horseshoe Challenge, our thanks to the committee for the help in fees.
This culminated in 1st overall and 1st in the Orienteering course.
Other great achievements this year were:
1) District Whit Camp, Camp Gate Construction 1st, Chariot Race 1st, Tug-o-war 1st, Obstacle Course - 2nd
2) Donisthorpe Challenge 2nd
3) District Swimming Gala 2nd
4) District First Aid
5) District Camping competition 3rd
6) District Night Hike 12th
Just to let you know there are 21 Scout Troops in our District, so I believe we really had a good year and I say this with pride, WELL DONE all those scouts who took part, its not the winning but the partaking that counts.

PROFICIENCY BADGES

This is a progressive activity which takes place throughout the year, many boys have gained a lot of awards and overall ahead of my schedule for 3 per boy per year. Problems have arisen where examiners are required, so if there are any experienced Mums or Dads willing to adjudicate on any subject please let me know.

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

Apart from the ones mentioned above we have had several interesting indoor nights including Cooking Competition, Computer Night (thanks to Mums and Dads), Air Rifle Shooting, Hobbies Night. Out door activities include Incident Night Hike (scouts won with Guides coming 2nd, District Night Hike and a Visit to Laser Quest.
We still have a lot planned for this year but a lot of help is still required.
Recently we have had several weekends in repairing of canoes that have been given us, FIVE in number, not only giving us Glass fibreing experience but the fun in using them, yes it has cost a little but it has been worth it.
Fun activities have included Roller Skating, Ten Pin Bowling, Pantomime and a fun day at fox covert with the whole unit.
We have now started to introduce Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme into scouting starting at the age of 14 and runs in parallel with their Scout Award Scheme. This I'm sorry to say has taken a back seat but I am in contact with the representative to try and resolve the problems in getting articles signed off.

SUMMER CAMP

Our Summer Camp '94 was a new venue, held in Lake Windermere and we managed to complete it with very few problems. A superb time was had by all, doing the things they wanted to do, i.e. Canoeing, Swimming, Hill Walking, Rock Climbing and Abseiling, a morning at Brockhole (Nature Park) and rounded off with an afternoon in Bowness on a spending spree (buying Chips), but best of all was having fun. I would like to thank those who helped, Lin (who kept me sane), Pat [Frog] Wren and Sandra and Dale (Caterers), Steve Wren and Mick Alcock (for Activities) not forgetting Tim for their valuable help in achieving and fun and happy camp.
It looks like this year will be Windermere again.

COVENANT

I would like to thank parents for their continued support of this system, but now it will be of benefit to the group. It has made things a little easier for Leaders with respect to accounting plus gives us a little more to spend.

THANKS

Thanks to Simon, and Andy and all Leaders from all sections (including GSL) for their support and co-operation throughout the year.
This is always a difficult one but I will start by thanking the Parents for their support and help in fund raising and scouting events, to those who help in the repairs and refurbishment of the Canoes and Boat, to those who gave their time in transporting, your help is always needed and appreciated. Thanks to all those I have forgotten to mention, I know there are lots of you, especially on Night Hike, Activity nights etc.
Thanks to the committee and minibus committee for their hard work and support throughout the year not only in fund raising but physical support as well.
Thanks to Simon and Andy whose help has been tremendous and of great value in keeping me going. Plus all the hard work by taking care of the Equipment Store and activities, well trying to.
Thanks to Jenny for letting Andy come to Scouts.
Last but not least thanks to my wife Lin, but without hers and the families (Nicky and Simon) support scouts would not be where we are today, helping to organise camps, buying food, programming, preparing food, backing me up, its non-stop, so thank you Lin.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP IN 1996/1997