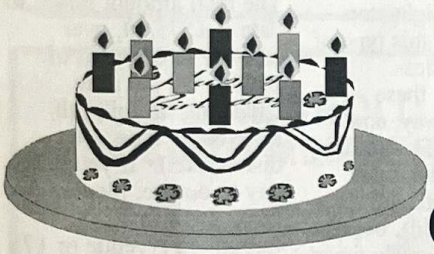
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NEWBOLD VERDON COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER ISSUE NO 51



HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY Newbold Verdon Community Association

ED'S SPOT

In March, 1987, a meeting was held at the School to investigate the possibility of forming a Community Association to raise money for a Community Centre.

The newly formed Community Association was initially asked to raise £8,000 as their contribution to setting up the Community Centre. At that stage, £8,000 seemed an enormous amount, but in fact, over the past ten years, the N.V.C.A. has raised over £60,000 and in so doing, has provided the village with good quality, value for money entertainment. Apart from this, the N.V.C.A. has encouraged other community ventures, such as "Verdon Views", "Verdon on View" and "Verdon In Bloom" whose dedication and hard work has helped to enhance the village each Spring with the crowds of daffodils planted throughout the village and the very attractive hanging baskets in the Summer. The N.V.C.A. has also helped to provide improved facilities in the School, i.e. modernised heating system, streamlined kitchen, additional car park, etc., along with a varied selection of evening classes.



The First Litter Pick

Our contribution to cleaning up the village with a mass litter pick, resulted in a "Best Kept Village" award in 1990. Every Christmas, the N.V.C.A. has toured the village singing carols to raise money for a charity, and the Christmas Concerts also in aid of charities have proved very popular. Not bad, one might say over 10 years, but perhaps the most important contribution by the N.V.C.A. is its part played in providing a base for friendships to develop. Personally, I believe, that the N.V.C.A. has enhanced village life considerably....

"HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY, N.V.C.A.!" Long may you continue!

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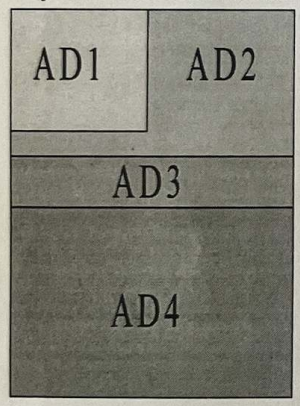
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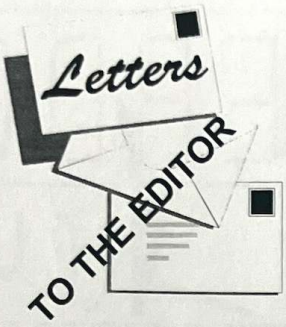
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Dear Sir,
I would like to reply to JBJ's letter of 10th November. We have our service at the War Memorial at 11.30 a.m. on Remembrance Sunday as this is the time when the Church Services (Anglican and Methodist) finish, and the congregations can go straight from the churches to the War Memorial. Since the British Legion is now trying to revive the former tradition of the fallen being remembered at 11 a.m. on 11th November (even if it is a week day), I do not think that the time matters much, so long as the fallen are remembered at some time on the Sunday. Why the Police did not divert the traffic, as in former years, is a mystery and I have written to them about it.
G.E.F.
P.S. When I arrived here, 14 years ago, there was no service at the War Memorial.

Dear Editor
In the last issue a letter was published about 'mindless idiots' damaging flood lighting etc. on the Alan's way playing fields. It makes me wonder if parents actually know what their children do when they are out in the evenings, (or are they bothered?)
During the dark evenings we have had items thrown at our house windows ranging from hard clumps of soil, large branches, stones and eggs. Once the bang had been heard and we have looked out for these mindless idiots, they have run down the road never to be seen again, - until the next evening when it is done again. Perhaps one day when a window has been broken or other damage has been caused and these kids are caught they might stop and think that this type of action is pointless.
We have seen these culprits run away, and they do not look as if they are older youths, more like young teenagers (14-15 years old), but as it is dark, obviously faces are hard to distinguish.
Can anyone tell me what these kids gain from this?



Congratulations to Lisa Pettitt(nee Preston) and Russell on the birth of their son Luke, born at Leicester Royal Infirmary on Wednesday, 5th March, weighing 9lbs 2oz
Congratulations also to Diane & Brian on becoming grandparents from the Social Dance Club



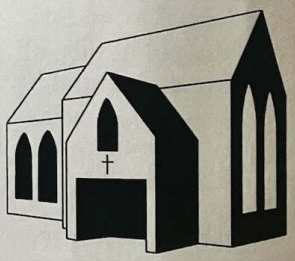
RUTH CHAPPELL

Love
Mum, Dad and Brynn

Apologies for this omission.

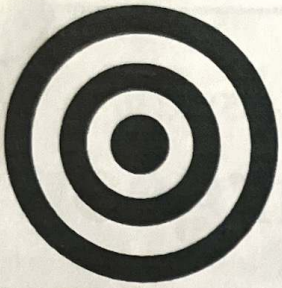
BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER APPEAL

Christine Fisher would like to thank everyone who supported the skittles' night last June and the Coffee Morning held in November. The total amount raised to date is £575.00, over halfway to our goal of £1000. We are now collecting tin foil, (all milk bottle tops, pie dishes, etc.). If you have any to donate, please bring them to 32 Laburnum Avenue or 17 Mill Lane. Thank You.



METHODIST NEWS

A Book of Remembrance is now in place at the Methodist Church.
Friends and relatives of people whose funerals have taken place in the church over past years, can have the names of their loved ones entered in the book as a memorial to them. A small charge will be made to cover costs.
Anyone wishing to take advantage of this facility, please contact one of the Church Stewards or Derek Wilkinson: 01455 824101.



LEISURE - GOING FOR GOLD

The retirement of one of the village's more notable residents and the fact that the writer has just completed nine months of training and a weekend examination to become a County Coach, has prompted this brief article on Archery as a leisure activity. Hopefully this will inspire others to write about their leisure activity and encourage others to take it up.

Archery is a sport which not only offers the benefits of exercise and recreation, and complete relaxation from the turmoil of modern living, but also a means of self expression. Being an individual sport, the archer can develop his style and technique to suit himself: (although be it under the watchful eye of the club coach).

Archery is quite a thriving sport in Leicestershire with target archery clubs to found at Kirby Muxloe, Hinckley, Ashby, Birstall, City of Leicester, Countesthorpe, Great Glen, Barrow on Soar and Market Harborough.

Unfortunately, as it is a weapon sport, most would-be beginners find they must undertake a six week beginners' course before being allowed to join a club.

Beginners are usually taught using low poundage fibre glass bows, which have the benefit of being able to be shot either right or left handed. These bows enable the beginner to learn the basic technique required to shoot a bow consistently, and also to learn how to use the body's powerful back muscles to actually pull and hold the bow at full draw, without the correct muscle usage, control of a higher poundage bow is impossible. After the six week course, the beginner usually has the option of joining a club; the club fee covering affiliation to County, Region and the Governing Body: the Grand National Archery Society (GNAS) - which will then provide the archer with public liability insurance whilst shooting under its 'rules'.

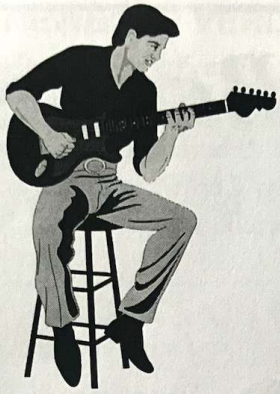
Leicestershire is fortunate to have a shop at Sapcote, dedicated to archery, so that the purchase of archery equipment and books is quite easy.

For anyone, aged over 12, interested in putting arrows in the 'gold' at distances of between 10 and 20 yards, then Hinckley Archers will be holding a beginners' course at the Hinckley Rugby Club ground, starting early May, and hopefully a few will stay on to eventually put arrows in the gold at 100 yards (90 metres)!

(For safety reasons, juniors need to be accompanied by a parent)

COLIN TIMSON
COUNTY COACH
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Now let's hear it for Rugby, Canoeing, Football, Cricket, Gardening, Dancing, Racing Pigeons, Orienteering, Bowling, etc.



NVCA 60'S & COUNTRY NIGHT

The N.V.C.A celebrated its 10th anniversary with a 60's and Country Night at the School and Community Centre.

The main musical entertainment was provided by "Kinda Country", a Leicester group, who delighted the audience with a very polished performance . They were great to dance to and, for the less energetic, also excellent to listen to.

They were ably supported by Phil and Glenis Kitely, who once again led us in the art of line dancing. As if that was not enough, the ladies laid on a large supper with a large selection of salads, quiches, dips, ham etc. and a selection of sweets to suit all palates. Many thanks ladies, for all your hard work.

It was also pleasing to see Diane taking her first dancing steps since her accident in November. Well done Diane! It's good to have you back on course for a medal.

The event was, once again, a sell-out and judging by comments made on the night, was a huge success.

A fitting way to celebrate our 10th Anniversary and proving once again that the Community Association is an important part of our village life. Let's hope we can look forward to many more events like this in the future. JC

PS A Barn Dance with Colin Tristram is planned for 31 May, so keep an eye open for the posters.

LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT

At the beginning of February I retired from the Police Service after 30 years. It's now March and I'm, still alive and haven't regretted the move!!

Although I could have remained in the Service until my 60th birthday, it was last September that I made the decision. That in fact was the hardest part! Now 4 weeks on I realise that there is life on the other side. Anyone faced with the same decision, I would recommend they also make the move.

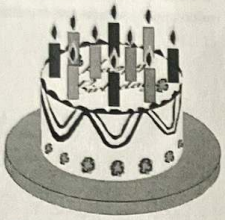
I realise I'm fortunate in having a pension, even though I've paid enough into it over the last 30 years. It does mean that I don't have to take full time employment.

I must admit it is difficult to adjust to my new role. I'm not now part of an Emergency Service helping to shape the news, working shifts as part of a team. That's the down side, I certainly don't miss the work.

Things have changed out of all recognition since the City Police (which I joined) amalgamated with the County Force in 1967. The J4 Vans, the Jaguar patrol cars (they needed

1/2 a mile to stop!) and the Morris Traveller "Pandas" are now part of history.
I still cannot believe I used to perform point duty at the Clock Tower; it would be a different proposition now (as pedestrians are worse to control than vehicles!)
I remember the Miners Strike, Fireman's Strike, the early Traffic Wardens and even being subjected to the bomb in the riots in the 80's.
Now of course we are literally controlled. We interface with people, surf the internet and send electronic messages (what's happened to a good old fashioned chat? We will soon loose the art of conversation!)
There are specialist units to support the operative officer on the street (yes there are a few left) in everything they do, from the National Police Computer to Automatic Fingerprint Identification and D.N.A.
Would you believe it, prisoners are now referred to as customers? Yes that's progress folks! Do I sound old fashioned?
What next? Well, now I've realised the job goes on without me and no ones rung me up to ask me to go back!! I'm looking forward to a change of direction. I'm lucky I've a lovely family and some great friends in the village to help me through these changing times.
I'm the sort of person who needs a goal in life, so work of some sort looks on the horizon, but definitely not in a uniform.
But as a colleague of mine reminded me recently "Mel take the time to smell the roses!"
Mel Suart

N.C.V.A. BIRTHDAY



HOW WAS THE £60,000 RAISED?

The Community have participated and contributed to the following events, which have been organised over the past ten years:
Guides and Brownies raised £500 with a sponsored Bike Ride around Mallory Park
"Allo, Allo, Evening"
50/50 Ballroom & Sequence Dances
60's/Country Dances
Australian Evening
Barn Dances
Blitz Ball
Bonfire Party
Brass Band Concert
Car Boot Sales
Carol Singing
Craft Fairs
Discoes Junior and Adult
Family Christmases
Fashion Shows
Flower Arranging Demonstrations
Local rambles
Mediaeval Banquet
Old Time Music Halls
Oompah Nights
Rounders Evenings & Sports Weekend
Tramps' Supper
Trips to France & Belgium
Valentine's Ball
Verdon On View
Vicars & Tarts' Night
If the above don't bring back lots of happy memories, just think what you've missed.

NEWBOLD VERDON CUB SCOUTS

How the cubs 5 a side football team got on.
On the 15 March 97 the cubs football team travelled to play in the 5 a side football competition. They did well, managing to get to the final but loosing 3, 1. The team members were presented with medals, the goal keeper Stuart Cole had a special mention for how well he did.
Philip Boshier.

A SELECTION OF PICTURES TO REMIND YOU OF THE PAST 10 YEARS



Christmas Show

Rounders



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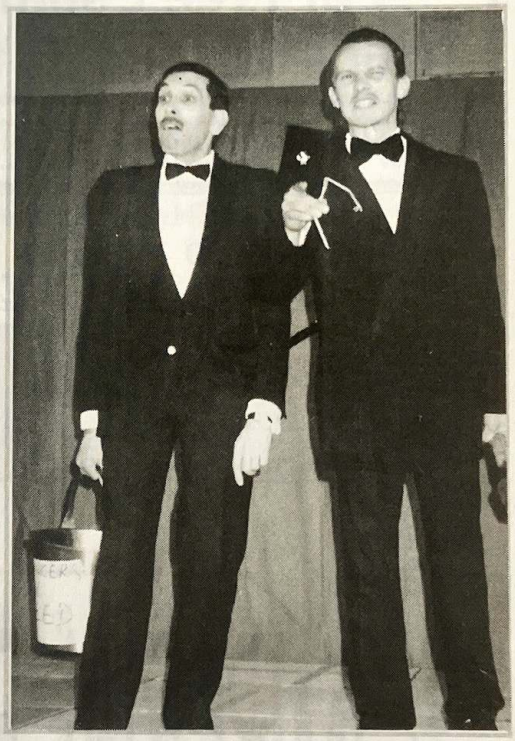
Vicar & Tarts Night



The Sheriff of Nottingham



Hale & Pace ???



Robin Hood



Vicar & Tarts Night





DIARY OF EVENTS

28 March	Good Friday	2-3 pm	Devotional Hour	St James' Church
28 March	Good Friday	7.45pm	United Service	Methodist Church
29 March	Easter Eve 8pm	Festival of Light	St James' Church	
30 March	Easter Day 8am	Holy Communion	St James' Church	
30 March	Easter Day 10.30am	Parish Eucharist	St James' Church	
30 March	Easter Day 6pm	Evensong	St James' Church	
8 May	Ascension Day	7.30pm	Parish Eucharist	St James' Church
18 May	Whit Sunday	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	St James' Church
18 May	Whit Sunday	6pm	Evensong	St James' Church

31 May Saturday 7.30pm N.V.C.A. Barn Dance Colin Tristram, Tickets 822805 N V Primary School and Community Centre

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