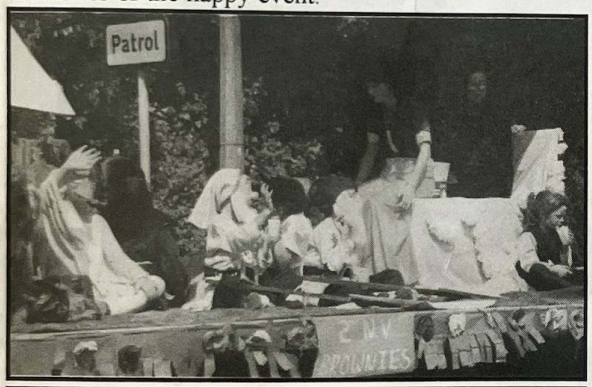
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SCOUT GALA DAY.

The Scout Group would like to thank everyone for their help and support on another successful Gala day. Here are some Gala day pictures to bring back memories of the happy event.





COFFEE MORNING

The Cubs are organising a coffee morning at The Scout Hut on Jubilee Road: all the proceeds will go to the Leicester Royal Infirmary Neo-Natal unit.

So why not come down and join us on Saturday 25th October between 9.30a.m and 12.00 noon.

As well as refreshments there will be a number of stalls including a cake stall, tombola and bric a brac. It's only 10p to get in. Children are free.

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PRINCESS OF WALES 1961-1997



As a tribute to Diana Princess of Wales an album has been put together with pictures and all the labels from the flowers which were placed around the war memorial. We hope to put this in the library for public viewing.

ED'S SPOT

What to do in November

November was always my worst time of the year, with the short dark days usually cold, wet and foggy. Ugh but perhaps 1996 was going to be different. Having taken early retirement, an opportunity arose to take a fortnight holiday on the Algarve but in November well we decided to give it a go and see how things turned out.

We left Birmingham on a typical November morning, exactly on time and had a very comfortable flight. We arrived in Faro 10 minutes early, picked up a car and drove it to Albufeira with little traffic to worry about. The apartment was ideal with a terrace and a lawn stretching down to the swimming pool area some 30 metres away.

It only took a little persuasion to talk me into having a beer at the pool bar, where a few other guests had gathered. It was warm and sunny and the clear blue sky was reflected in the swimming pool. We cast some of our skins and slapped on the sun screen Is this really November?

We decided to eat in tonight after unpacking. We slipped out to the supermarket and brought home lovely; lean pork chops, some veg and of course one or two bottles of wine. The meal was followed by a relatively early night as we had been on the go since 5am that morning.

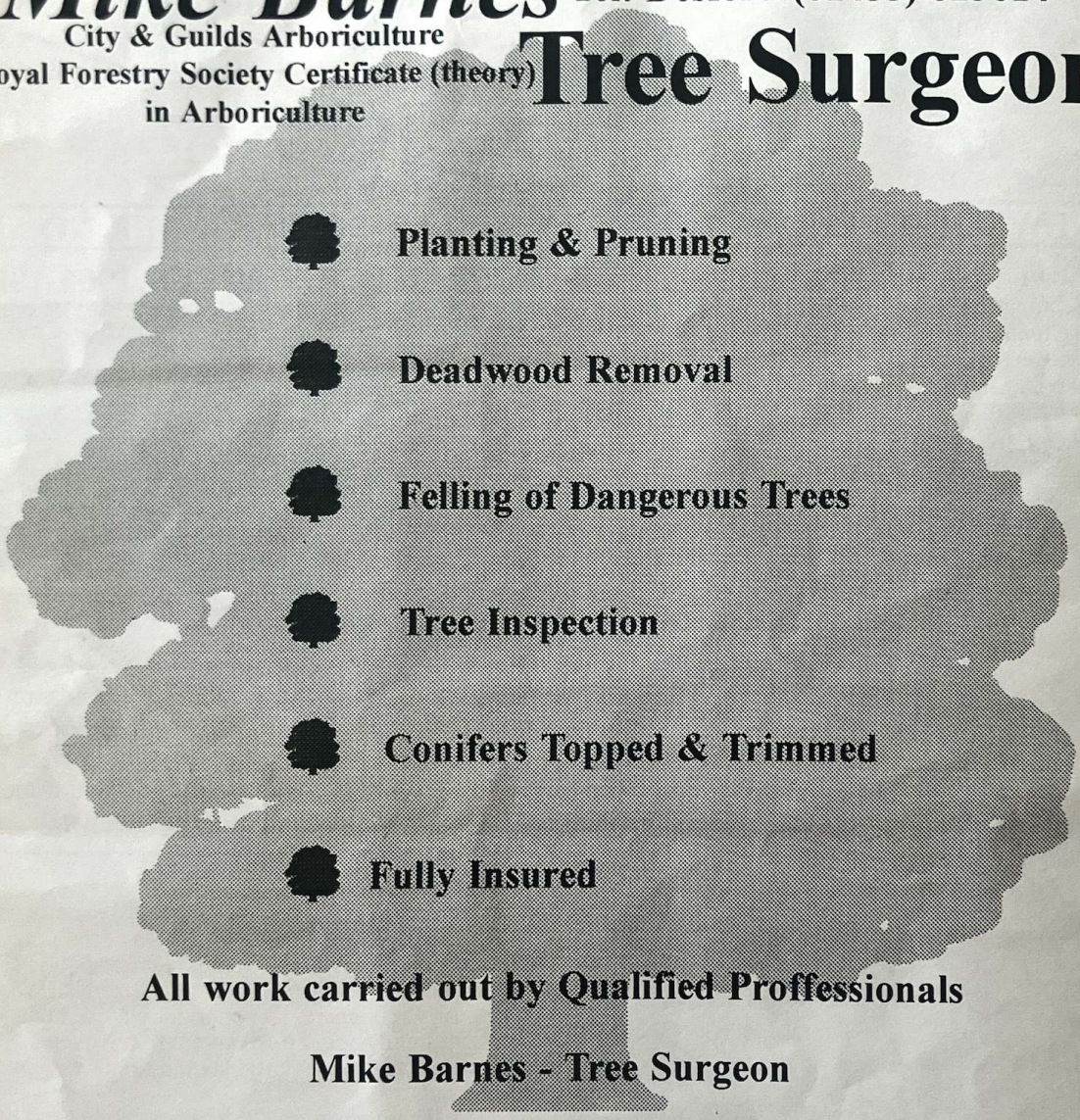
The following morning we awoke to the sun streaming in through

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the patio doors and we had breakfast on the terrace, one side of which was taken up by a magnificent purple bouganvillea.
We managed to tear ourselves away and decided to go into Albeufeira, about 2 miles away. There was a courtesy bus from the complex so we took advantage of this and then walked through the streets of the old town. Although most of the shops and bars were open it was fairly quiet and when we arrived at the beach it was almost deserted. The lovely golden sand contrasted with the clear blue sky and the rolling Atlantic proved too inviting to resist. In I went yes, me! Swimming in the sea in November. It was great!.
That evening it was barbecue night at the complex with the local fado music. Not really my cup of tea but the night went well. There were plenty of grilled sardines, chicken portions and fruit salad, washed down by a never ending supply of local wine and everyone enjoyed themselves.
We used the car (a snip at £70 per week in November) to get out during the day, going up into the mountains on a couple of occasions. We visited Silves and had "chicken piri piri": a delicious local dish which I think was adopted from Morocco - very tasty. Silves has a lovely garden a well preserved wall and some fantastic views. Lagos is well worth a visit and also Praia de Rocha with its superb beach punctuated with giant rock formations. Villamoura has an interesting marina and of course Faro the capital of the Algarve has plenty to offer.
The Algarve is renowned for her long golden beaches but to see them at this time of year without the crowds is a bonus, and so relaxing.
Eating out is cheap and there are some excellent restaurants, A superb four course meal for four adults including two bottles of wine and a glass of port each, cost less than £40.00 and don't forget our pound has strengthened considerably since then.
So if you do hate November then take a trip to the Travel Agents, and pick up some brochures and perhaps like me you could find a real bargain, winter sunshine and some superb crowd free golden beaches to relax on for November will never be the same again.
Have you had an enjoyable holiday lately that you would like to tell us about. Blackpool, Orlando, Adelaide or Skegness? Surely somebody in Newbold Verdon has been somewhere this year and found something they would like to write about. Please contact one of thr VV team. We'd love to hear from you! Ed

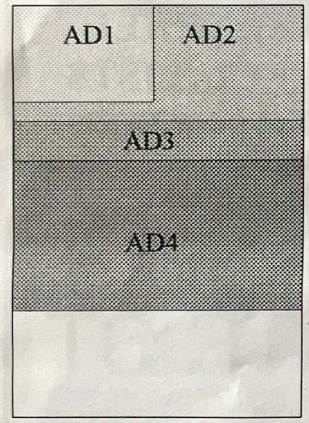
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NEWBOLD HEALTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

As many of you may already be aware, there has been a planning application (number 97/00575/full) submitted to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council concerning the building of ten poultry houses and agricultural buildings at little Fox Covert, Merrylees road, Newbold Heath. The applicants are Mr. I. Chambers and Mr. S. Hay.
The proposed houses will be 87m in length, 18m in width and 3.5m in height. Each will house 20,000-25,000 chickens on one site once completed.
The site lies approximately 800m (1/2 mile) North East of Newbold Heath, 1500m (0.93 mile) of Dragon Lane and 1600m (1 mile) of Preston Drive. Apart form the land which will accommodate the buildings, the farmer concerned also owns 50 acres of surrounding land which may be used for tipping of the waste.
This application could have a serious effect on the residents of Newbold Heath and Newbold Verdon. There is evidence to suggest that dust and dirt from poultry houses can be damaging to health. With the wind in the right this air-bone dust may travel to our houses, possibly aggravating such conditions as asthma, hay fever and allergies.
I'm sure most people at one time or another have passed poultry houses such as these and experienced the horrendous smell being emitted. We are all tolerant of the smells of the countryside yet the smell from thousands of chickens being cooped up for weeks on end is hardly a natural one. The residents of Newbold Heath are concerned that should this application be passed, such a large chicken farm close by may discourage people from wanting to move into the area resulting in devaluation of their properties. It is possible that some residents of Newbold Verdon may also suffer in this way.
Another concern of ours is the increase in traffic which will occur. Merrylees Road already experiences a large amount of traffic for an unclassified road and an increase on any scale will be added burden.
The proposed poultry farm would need to employ two people full-time and a number of people part-time, equating to a total of five full-time positions. Needless to say, this development will not be creating hundreds of jobs for local people.
For those of you who are not aware, poultry houses of this nature concern the intensive breeding of thousands of chickens. They are kept in an enclosed building on a bed of litter for ten weeks solid after which they are removed and the houses cleaned. It is at this point in the cycle when the smell is at it's worst. Chickens may suffer from ulcerated feet during these time and some may also feed on any dead chickens which have been over-looked. Many people consider this type of poultry rearing comparable to an industry rather than a farming method. Unfortunately, we can not formally object to the poultry houses on moral grounds as it is a legal practice.
We have been approached by Radio Leicester and Central News, Both of them which have broadcasted details of the application and our opposition. Some of the local papers have printed articles on this matter. A public meeting was held at the Old White Swan on the 13th of August. Hopefully there will be another meeting before the application goes before the committee, which may be some time in October. A petition has been sent to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, along with many letters of opposition.
We are urging residents of Newbold Heath and Newbold Verdon to write to the council, regardless of whether they have already signed a petition, opposing the application as it concerns us all. Opposing letters should state the application number (97/00575/full) along with your reasons of opposition. If you need help with writing a letter you can contact Clem Petcher on 824621 or Sharon on 828792, who will be more then willing to organize someone to call round and help you.
Thank you for your continued support
Deb Petcher. (Secretary)

BAPTIST CHURCH

Ladies Bright Hour Diamond Jubilee Our books date back from 1937, and we, the Ladies of the `Bright Hour", are very proud to say that our meeting is still going strong. The meeting is run on the same lines as in our Mothers Time, and everyone, old or new members, are still made very welcome; we still have a happy time with our Lord. Do come and join us, in our Diamond Jubilee Year. The Ladies of the church also run a coffee morning every Thursday morning, from 10 am to 11 am, with coffee and biscuits at 30p. Everybody is made welcome. They make a grand cup of coffee. The Lord bless you all.

Special News sheet. At the Church meeting held this month it was decided to establish an exhibition of yesteryears in the life of our Church (long term), and would be pleased if you could help. For this project we need:- Old photographs of the Church and Church activities including, Sunday school and Ladies Bright hour. Wedding photographs of Sunday School Scholars (small) Books concerning the Chapel. Articles. Leaflets of Sunday School Anniversaries, or any special occasions held in the Church and anything relating to the history of the Church. Please make sure your name, address and telephone number appears in pencil on all material. We will endeavour to have copied any material you wish to be returned. We will collect.

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A lively party atmosphere continued throughout the evening with everyone doing their own thing - line dancing, ballroom, sequence and rock & roll. You name it - they played it.

Everyone had a great time including Dave & Pete, who kindly donated £20 to NCVA funds. May I, on behalf of the NCVA, thank them for their donation and also for their contribution to the evening in providing excellent entertainment. John Croasdale.

BAPTIST CHURCH CONT

Please contact: Mrs Nancy Smith, 9, Oaks Drive, Newbold Verdon, Leics. Tel. 01455 823723.

Please has anyone got any photographs of the interior or external of the chapel, or maybe the treats we used to hold on the Backy Field or anything from 1833-1950's.

Harvest Festival Amendment

Please note there will be no morning service on Sunday 5th October, instead, there will be a Tea at 5.00.p.m. followed by Evening Praise at 6.00 p.m. conducted by our Area Superintendent Rev. Peter Grange.

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Jeff and Rosemary Baker would like to take this opportunity to thank the scouts for bringing the parade forward one hour on August 16th so that it did not coincide with their daughter Anna's wedding. We all had a wonderful day. The weather was kind to all of us. Many thanks.

MASSEY.

Frances and Jack would like to thank all family and friends especially Dorothy Wightman and Chris Papworth for making their Golden Wedding Day a day to remember.

Special thanks to Chris for a beautiful cake. Also, thank you all very much for your donations for the blind which came to over £325. It was a fantastic day! Thank you

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