/74. Change of Ownership and Partition of the Lordship. 1574. The Earls of Huntingdon ac uired themanor of Newbold Verdon from the Earl of Essex. The family name of the Earls was Hastins (of Ashby and ~~Kirkb~~ Kirby Muxloe fame) Henry (E of H ) was succeeded by his brother ~~Henry (Exof Ex)~~ George. The latter's eldest son Francis died in the lifetime of his father, and his son Henry became successor to his grand father. This Earl sold part of the lands in 1608 to William Mounteney, a merchant of the ~~staple~~staple, who came from Ireland with the Earl of Huntingdon. He was a descendant of Thomas Mounteney of Mounteney's Plain, Norfolk. The family, a large one, resided here 170 years. This land today is known as 'the Chater' Whether there was a house there in 1608 or whether the Mounteneys built Chater House is not recorded. The family became extinct in 1780 by the death of John Mounteney who resided there upon a small independent fortune, he being the last known he r of the Mountency family.At the beginning of the 19th century the Poisers of Barlestone Nailstone and Peckleton are the only descendants. There are tombstones on the south side of the church bearing the name of Mountney. 1630 Geroge Mounteney was a Govenor of the Dixie School, Market Bosworth. William Mounteney, buried March 25th 1698, married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Gilliflower of Ibstock. Their son William born 1660 sold the land to Mr.Ralph Trotter in 1712.

/74. Change of Owership Cont1610. To years after 'The Chater' was sold to Wm Mounteney (1608) the Earl of Huntingdon sold the rest of themanor with the manor house to Nicholas Hearne, who then sold it to Sir Thomas Crewe in 1625. He was serjeant-at- arms in the last parliament of James 1 and 1st.parliament of Charles 1. 1630. Sir Thomas Crewe Lord of the Manor, Other Freeholders - Wm Mounteney Chater. John Chapman, John Houcke, Robert Atteron. At this time Newbold was a very small village. 1564. only 16 families and 2 in Brascote. 1633. The parish of Newbold Verdon gave towards the repair of St.Paul's London the 3rd day of Sept 1633 the sum of 12/- as a benevolence. Cuthbert Nicholson, Rector. Robert Wilkinson, Humphry Atterton Chruchwardens. 5/6d was given in 1635. 1660. The parish of N.V. gave unto the fire at Fleckenham, Norfolk, 9/- . The parish of N.V. gave unto the fire at Mountsorrel in the county of Leicester 2/9d. 1665. That our parish gave the first feast day 2nd August to those whom it has pleased God to visit with pestilence, the sum of 10/9d. Great Plague of London. That our parish gave to the relief of those distressed citizens of London, by reason of that late dreadful fire 10th day of Oct. the sum of £2.15.3d. 1669. That our parish gave unto the distressed captives in Algiers and in the parts of the Turkish Dominion this 18th July the summ of 5/6d. 1670.That our parish gave unto the distressed captives in Algiers this 23rd day of Oct. the sum of 15/4d. Humphrey Atterton the Elder, Abraham Winkley the Younger Church-wardens. P.S. Note the spelling of Houcke. There is an empty cottage on the Halifax Farm known as 'the Houcke' could this have been the site of the home of John Houcke? At this time the people still held their holdings by strips in the common fields. Serjeant-at-arms - officer of each house of parliament charged with enforcing its commands, arresting offenders etc.

e/74. The Bells in ths Tower of St.James' Newbold Verdon, In the tower are two bells, of different dates. 1663 is the date on the larger bell, the third year after the Restoration of Charles 11. The inscription is very significant, viz. "God save this Church". This was immediately after Cromwell's death. The smaller bell bears the date 1754 and the inscription "The Churches praise, We sound all ways" The writer has a great affection for the church bells. As a child, being very unmusical, singing lessons were dreaded. The Tonic Solfa Modulator was used, and to sing any intercal beyond the common chord was an impossibility. In later years an examination in Tonic Solfa had to be passed. Amid moans and groans and loud bewailings ~~at~~ that of 'Doh-lah' were re uired to be sung, failure was a forgone conclusion, a gracious lady brought the solution to the problem. "Church Bells", church bells, have you never heard the church bells? Don't you know the bells sound Doh' Lah' Doh' lah' or in reverse lah Doh'? Several years later, still grumbling about not being able to sing in tune, especailly in a minor key, the Rector of those days remarked that, however bad the singing, one must make a 'cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob'.

n/75. More Information from lists of Rectors. 1626. Rector Cuthbert Nicholson. Ejected under Cromwell in 1649. Returned in 1653. died 1654. Sometimes spoken of as Sapcote Nicholls. 1657. John Hubbard died Dec.14th 1657. 1690. John Pate died July 4th 1690. aged 58. 1693. John Corbet 1690 died Sept.12th 1693. 1693. William Gilbert died April 7th 1719. During this time the lord of the Manor was Sir Thomas Crewe who bought it from Nicholas Hearne in 1625. He was created Baron Crewe of Stene on Northamptonshire in 1660. He left Newbold to his second son John who left it to his brother. Nathaniel, Lord Crewe, Bishop of Durham.Note. Nathaniel Lord Crewe, was owner of the Manor but not the rector. He did not reside at the manor. There hangs in chu ch a picture of two churches. It is really a page from a copy of Nichols. The upper picture is that of the church of Stene, where all the