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March/75. Lord Crewe Close. There is a street in Newbold Verdon named after Nathaniel Lord Crewe who became the Bishop of Durham. He inherited the Newbold estate from his brother in 1681. Nicholls gives many details of his life before the connection with Newbold. Born at Stene on Jan.31st.1633 he showed very early a good ear for music. "Memoirs of Bishop Crewe" compiled chiefly from 'An examination of the life and character of Nathaniel Lord Crewe, Bishpp of Durham' wherein the writings of his several biographers and other authors are critically reviewed, and compared with a manuscript never before published containing vrrious anecdotes of that prelate printed 1790. The original manuscript, it is said, belonged to one of the Prelate's domesticks, Mr. Trotter, who survuved him many years, and to whom the gentleman was nearly allied, whose library was sold. ur Prelate's grandfather the first Crewe to own the Newbold estate died on Jan31st 1633, on the same day and six hours after the birth of his grandson, Nathaniel. By his last will he left £100 legacy to all his grandchildren and named them; which his heir at law John Crewe gave to my Lord (the Bishop) although he was unknown to his grand father.

Aprio/75. More Anecdotes concerning the infancy and life of Nathaniel,Lord Crewe, Bishop of Durham. Mr.Hutchinson in his 'Annals of the Bishop of Durham' By accident we obtained a manuscript,which evidently belonged to someone of the household of the Crewew, and contains minutes of the most material incidents of the Prelate's life;the books fell into the hands of a bookseller on his purchasing the library of a learned gentleman of the city of Durham, and was for some years thrown away as lumber. Since we possessed the M.S.much in uiry has been made after its authenticity. There is another copy or two extant in private hands, kept up with so much care that they either had not come to the knowledge of Mr.Hutchinson, or had been denied him. The original, it is said, belonged to one of the Prelate's domesticks. Mr.Trotter, who survived him for many years, and to whom the gentleman was nearly allied, whose library was sold. Nataniel, Lord Crewe born at Stene.Jan.31st 16553 a fifth son. "My Lord was the production of his parents after four years religious separation of beds. What is the reader to conceive from this ridiculous statement? " My Lord's mother dreamed of a fine concert of music in the rookery near to the time of my Lord's birth. My Lord's wet nurse, unfortuneatly for him had salt milk which affected his lungs. This woman nursed Bishop Compton. His Sponsors.Major Ingoldsby, His uncle Nathaniel, Lady Curzon. My Lord's father often told him of exploits of fi th sons. He was suspected of being consumptive from his unusual cough. When in the nurse's arms, hearing a discord in music he said "The music groans". He was taught his English by his maid Stratford, and could read the Bible very perfectly at six years old.

May/75 More details of the life of Nathaniel Lord Crewe Bishop of Durham 1671 Consecrated Bishop of Oxford. 1673. Duke and Duchess of York married at Dover by my Lord in his habit.The Duke and Duchess both promised him their interest, if there was anything wherein they could serve him.The new Duchess was Mary of Modena, a foreign Catholic princess. The first wife of James. Duke of York was Anne Hyde, daughter of Edward Hyde, the Earl of Clarendon, who was the Chancellor and a protestant, Anne Hyde being the mother of Mary 11 and ueen Anne. 1674. My Lord was sent for from the Chaplain's table,and while the king (Charles 11) was at dinner he gave him the Bishopric of Durham.After Bishop Crewe had got a promise of the Bishopric of Durham, it was long before he could get into possession, though he diligently solicited matters, but still something hindered. It was discovered that the King had promised a sum to be paid to Mrs.Eleanor Gwynne (Nell Gwynne) out of this Bishopric, and without agreeing with her nothing could be done, whereupon the Bishop by his agent applied to her, and agreed to pay five or six thousand pounds. 1674. One Arden was bound with the Bishop for the money, and thereupon he got his possession. The money was duly paid and the Bishop made Arden his steward. 1674. My Lord's e uipage. Six gentlemen, two sumpter horses, three running footmen and innumerable inferior attendants.My Lord's hospitality was very great. 1675. Bishop Crewe baptised Katherina Laura tge Duke of Yor's new-born daughter. Note. This information is taken from John Nicholl's History of Leicestershire.

June/75, More details concerning the life of the Bishop of Durham1677 November. The Archbishop of Canterbury (Sheldon) died, and the Bishop of Durham was sent for to stand as candidate for the archbishopric. Bishop Compton was also a candidate. The two families were both so great and potent that to avoi d conflict, the vacancy