5. The Montagues of Newbold Verdon. The name Montau or Montague is familiar to the inhabitants of Newbold Verdon;first on account of the Montagu Charity, secondly some bungalows for older people in the area named Montagu Close have been built in recent years. James Montagu inherited the Newbold Estates from his uncle Lord Crewe 1712,and held them until his death Nov.8th1748. He was a member of Parliament for Camelford in Cornwall 1715. His grandfather was Edward Montagu reated Earl of Sandwich July 12th1660 who was admiral of the English fleet, killed in a grand naval engagement May 28th1672. He married Jemima,sister of Nathaniel Lord Crewe. They had 10 children, six sons, four daughters. Edward 2nd Earl of Sandwich, Sidney of whom more later, Oliver, bred to the law,died unmarried 1693 aged 38, John, Master of Trinity College Cambridge, Dean of Durham 1689, died unmarried 1728 aged 70, Charles, father of James who inherited Newbold; James died unmarried April9th1725. Daughters - Jemima,Paulina, Anne,Catherine, married Nicholas Bacon. Mr.Sidney Montagu married Anne Newcomen who was the illegitimate daughter of Sir Francis Wortley of Wharncliffe Lodge;who was long separated from his wife. She inherited her father's estate on condition that her husband assumed the name of Wortley. Their Son,Edward Wortley Montagu succeeded to the Newbold Estate on the death of his cousin Hames. Much more of this gentleman will be noted later. JamesMontagu who succeeded Lord Crewe at Newbold was the son of Charles the fifth son of Lord Sandwich by his first wife. This James was the gentleman who left the Montagu Charity of which more will be told later. His half brother, son of the second Mr s Charles became the husband of Elizabeth the famous Blue Stocking.The society called in derision the Blue Stockings and her friends, women who met together for conversation without the adjunct of cards or frivolity.

75. Newbold Verdon.1719.In 1719 there was an election,but, at that time,only property holders had the right to vote. Lists of voters were recorded, and the earliest for New bold is 1719. The candidates were; Francis Mundy. Lord Wm Manners.

Brascott, Thurnby.Thomas Richard. Newbold. do.
Naneby. Bradshaw Michael, Frestall Thomas. Rothley. do.
Newbold. Adcock Thomas, Atterton Humphrey, Brooks John, Chapman Humphrey, Chapman John, Checkley Thomas, Crosier John, Dunkley Abraha,m, Harris John, Henshaw,Nicholas (deficient) Holmes Thomas, Mounteney John Pegg Henry, Sanderson Robert, Whitfield Francis, Winterton James.

Remarks Note the spelling of Brascote. Thurnby is a mis-pronunciation of Thirlby; 50yrs later approx 1765 Benjamin Thirlby (churchwarden) died aged 67. The mother of Colin Cowdrey, the famous cricketer was ? Thirlby, belonging to this family.

75. More Information concerning the electors whose names are on the 1719 PollReturns. The Newbold electors are in alphabetical order Adcock Thomas. The descendants of this family were known to the late Mrs.Eleanor Bell who visited them at Asby where they kept a post office. She told the writer of these notes that their land was at Desford end of the village. Atterton Humphrey, Dunkley Abraham- Churchwardens. Earlier, 1620 - Robert Atterton was church warden. 1696. From the Rent Roll of Kirkby Mallory - Humphrey Atterton £2. The Gorse Hayes £3. The Gorse Hayes later known as the Middletons is now in Newbold Parish, lying at the back of the houses in Desford Rd, and bounded on the east by Kirkby Rd. It now belongs to Mrs. Wibberley. 1704 John Wightman, Rector of Desford.married AnnAtterton of Newbold. In the chancel of Desford Church the following Monumental Inscriptions " Here in the hopes of a joyful resurrection, here lieth interred the body of Ann Wightman, wife of John Wightman, rector of this church, who departed this life June 3rd 1734 in the 37th year of her age. Here also lieth the body of the Rev. John Wightman,rector of this church, who departed in the 66th year of his life." Humphrey Wightman his son Sept 20th 1738, ~~[illegible]~~aged 34 yrs. T.W.died 1710 aged 8 days. A.W. nata born March 23rd. renata reborn baptised March 25th. denata died April 23rd.

76. The Earliest Poll 1719 The names Humphrey Capman and John Chapman occur among the list of names on the 1719 poll. Two brothers? or possibly father and son? from Leicestershire Parish Registers - Marriages we find Humphrey Chapman of Newold - Katherine Fox, by licence March 25th 1685. Another name on the 1719 poll list is John Crossier Later spellings of the name are Croshaw, Crowshaw and later still Crosher. From the list of Alehouse Keepers and Innkeppers and Victuallers 1753, Richard Croshaw stands surety of £10 for Jane Carter and John Bradford and also in 1754,1755,1756,1757, 1758. In 1759 a change, Richard Crosier was surety for John Ball. In 1762 Jane Carter is described as Widow Carter. 1762 Richard Crossier was surety ofr Ann Fearn and along with John Harris was surety for Jane Carter.