ay/76. James Montague 1721 - 1748. James Montague left the Manor House and estates (left to him by his uncle the Bishop of Durham) until his death in 1748, when he left them to his cousin Edward Wortley Montague, having no childred of his own. Lord Crewe left £30 for the building of a school and left a perpetual endowment for the master's salary, £20 per year. The school was built on the small plot of land, now the site of the War Memorial,on the left side of the entrance to Brascote Lane. The school was free and was called"Newbold Verdon Free School" At one end was the master's house. This school served the village for 150years. The master's salary of £20 yearly was to be paid out of his Lordship's estate in Northumberland. The master was to be appointed by the future possessors of the Newbold Estates. Nathaniel Ball was the first master, died 1754. The Rector at this time, 1719, was Robert Sanderson whose name was on the list of voters 1741. He followed William Gilbert, as well as being rector of Newbold Verdon, was also rector of Cadeby,but at which village he resided is not stated. His name is on the list of rectors in both churches. In thos days the rectory was the old thatched house in Main St, which was very recently demolished, after serving as a fish and chip shop for some little time. James Montague had a cousin, Montague Bacon, whose mother was Lady Catherine Montague youngest daughter of the first Earl of Sandwich and sister of Charles Montague,father of James. She married Nicholas Bacon of Shrubland Hall, Coddenham, Suffolk.Montague Bacon born 1688 took his degree at Cambridge and had previously entered Holy Orders. He is supposed to have been curate at Newbold Verdon. However , in 1743 he was presented to the living of Newbold Verdon, but shortly afterwards he became temporarily deranged, and was removed to lodgings in Chelsea. For a time he was confined in Wuffiled's Asylum in Little Chelsea and died in 1749. His name is not on the list of rectors in church, but is on the list given in Nicholls.

une/76. Nov.8th.1748 Deat of James Montague. His wife was the sidow of Sir William Chester but there was no issue. He left the Newbold Estates to his cousin Mr.Edward Wortley sometimes known as Edward Wortley Montague who was the second son of k Sidney Montague, the second son of Lord Sandwich. He married Anne Newcomen, the illegitimated daughter of Sir Francis Wortley who had long been separated from his wife. Anne inherited her father's estate on condition that her husband took the name of Wortley. Mr.Sidney Montague enlarged Wharncliffe Lodge but allowed Wortley Hall to fall into decay. He built another house for a favourite mistress at St.Ellen's well near Carlton. In his will James Montague left £100 to the poor of Newbold Verdon. By indentures of lease and released dated 12th and 13th June 1749 between Walter Barrs of the one part and Edward Wortley of Newbold Verdon , Joseph Cardale, clerk, r ctor, and Benjamin Thirlbym yeoman of the other part, the said James Montague by will, gave to the use of the poor of Newbold Verdon £100 and directed the same to be laid out in the purchase of lands, and ,that the said Edward Wortley and others had agreed with the said Walter Barrs for the purchase of the lands thereinafter mentioned at the price lf £114, the parish advancing £14 to make up the purchase money, it is witnessed that the said Walter Barrs, in consideration of £100, the legacy aforesaid, paid to him by the said Edward Wortley. executor of the said James Montague, and the sum of £14 paid by the said Joseph Cardale and Benjamin Thirlby, being the public money of the said parish,granted and released to the said Edward Wortley and others and their heirs, all those ninteen lands or parcels of ground containing by estimation 2 acres, 2 roods and 19 perches of arable land lying in the fields of Newbold Verdon.

July/76. Montague Charity cont. 1749. At the time of the Montague Charity the lay out of Newbold Verdon was different from the present time. Some of the land was enclosed but not all, farmers having strips in the town fields. The manor would be enclosed also the glebe, and possibly other land. There was no road to Bagworth as it is today, and no Newbold Heath. The turnpike was not in being, and the road to Brascote started much nearer to the Church. The fields bought by the trustees were called the Little Field; also a close in Newbold called the Bridge Close, reputed 3 acres; also nine lands containing by estimation 4 acres 0 roods 10 perche lying in a field in Newbold called Shichlow Field; also eight lands or parcels of ground, containing by estimation 3A or 2p lying in a field called Fortway field, also two parcels of meadow ground containing by estimation 1A 1R 30p in Newbold, lying in a place called Hollinger Meadow, to hold the same the said Edward Wortley Montague and others, their heirs and assigns, in trust, to permit the churchwardens and overseers to receive the rents and profits thereof and apply the same to the use of the poor of Newbold,according to the directions of the will of the said James Montague. An account of the application to be yearly audited by the said Edward Wortley and his heirs, lords of the manor of Newbold, the said Joseph