A HISTORY OF NEWBOLD VERDON by Mary Fisher(Contd.)

Some interesting local names

Brascote is one of many lost villages. The village green with roads leading from it can still be traced, and there is a legend that treasure was buried on the green, but of what treasure, and who buried it, there is no trace. Elderly people born in the district remember their forbears speaking of "Brascote Cherry Wake", showing that the soil was good for cherry trees. The word Brascote is a derivation of Brockardescote, brock = badger, cot or cote = mud hut, and es= the old English genitive; therefore, the meaning was: the mud hut or dwelling of the badger catcher.

The Woolpits is the name of a field on the Hall Farm. Other places in the country also have fields known as the Woolpits. At one period, these woolpits were considered to be connected with the wool trade, which flourished in medieval times; but today historians think the name goes right back to Danish and Anglo-Saxon times, when the country was ravaged by wolves; Edgar the Peaceful, (died 975 A.D.) accepted tribute of wolves' heads from Howell the Welsh king; therefore. why not from other districts too.

The Welsh destroyed all their wolves and the tribute was discontinued, but later the marauding Danes again exacted it under a new title, the tribute of the black army.

To be continued...

CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are very pleased that Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wildman, now of Kirby Muxloe, but with a long association with our church and village, are coming on Saturday, 4th. December, to open our Fair at 3 p.m. Santa Claus will be there; children should look out for him on his way to the Church Hall.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas Fair was blessed with success and will have realised almost £170, by far the best result of recent years. We are grateful indeed to Mr. & Mrs. F. Wildman, our openers, and to all who worked so hard towards the Fair and to all our patrons and benefactors.

WHIST DRIVE

The January Whist Drive will be on Monday, the 3rd., at 7.30 p.m. The proceeds will be for one of the Church funds.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Captain Derek Jones of the Church Army gave us a very interesting evening last month. At our next meeting, on 6th. January, Mr. Peter Bonsell is going to show some slides he has taken on several holidays in Europe. All men welcome.

E.H.Robinson.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS:

November,	Acts of Communion	174,
	Offerings	£36.52,
	Free Will Offerings	£11.08.

Holy Baptism:

7th. Nov. Julie Michelle, daughter of Leonard and Georgina Emma GARDNER, 2, Cadle St.
Joanne, daughter of Brian & Hilary Mary BATEMAN, 10, Peter's Ave.,

28th Wayne Andrew, son of Garry & Jennifer Irene NEWMAN, 20, Bramble Drive,
James Matthew, son of Leslie & Primrose Christine Rosemary WESTON, 80, Arnold's Crescent,
Jonathan David, son of David & Dorinda Lesley RHODES, 7, Main Str.,

Holy Matrimony:

20th. Nov. Gary Bott and Carole Ann Hardy.