A HISTORY OF NEWBOLD VERDON — MARY FISHER.

BRASCOTE

The village green with roads leading from it can still be traced, and there is a legend that treasure was buried on the green.

Elderly people remember their forbears talking of "Brascote Cherry Wake", showing that the soil was good for cherry trees.

THE WOOLPITS.

This is the name of a field on the Hall farm..... Edgar the Peaceful. (died 975 A.D.) accepted tribute of wolves heads from Howell the Welsh King. .... The Danes later executed it under a new title, the tribute of the black army.

If there was a green at N.V. it would be the wide-open space leading up to the church. Note how easily be defended.

In N.V., formerley the expression 'end' was used, e.g. Church End, Middle End, Bottom End. An 'end' meant a cluster of houses built on to the outskirts as the population increased

The queen refered to in the D.B. entry on Newbold was Editth, the queen of Edward the Confessor, daughter of Godwin and sister of King Harold.

An Ox shoe of iron was ploughed up in 1966 on the farm of Mr Whightman of Brascote House farm.

LADY ROHESIA DE VERDON.

Nichols states that there were two lady Rohesias, grandmother and granddaughter, who married Theobald le Boteler but keeping her own name - de Verdun. This lady is thought to be the foundress of Newbold church, or jointly with her son Nicholas, perhaps re-building on an earlier site.

Earliest encumbent listed for Newbold was Elyas in 1209, he was presented to the the living by Nicholas de Verdon.

Kirkby passed from the Mallorys to Leicester Abbey and Nichols quotes from the register of the Abbey of St Mary de Praetis at Leicester. He gives a list of tenants, and in this list are the names of three people living at Newbold.

"Johannes Bosse of Braocte holds one close called Namanshey in the field there and pays XVd 1 cock.

Thomas Mall of Newbold holds one piece of grand called Malley swong and pays 1d homagium

Walterus Denos Lord of Newbold, for a right of way to his village of Braocte going to and coming from, with his out of the way dwellings in the Heyth in the field of Kirkby pays one pound of pepper."

The date given is 1220.

There is now nothing to indicate where

were the close called Normanley lay. bA, the piece of meadow held by Thomas Hall called Hypswell is today called the Hipsalls, the far Hipsalls and the near Hipsalls. The ground here is wet and a spring in the locality is the source of 'the flat tail brook'. The Hipsalls are today farmed by Mr J. Wibberley. There is nothing to indicate the position of Mallory Swang.

Walters Denos would be lord of the manor and held his lands from the de Verduns. from this account he had lands at Brascote which were out of the way and difficult to reach, also in the Heyth that lay where the Desford road now is and the fields lying to the south, the Middletons, Gorse Hays etc.

Part of Newbold was in Kirkby Mallory when Leic. Abbey was founded (1143), thus through K.M., Newbold was connected with the Abbey.

It is thought that the village of Naneby may have had a place of warship or chapel, of which there is no trace. Naneby today consists of one farm house called 'Naneby Hall Farm'. A large field adjoining Botany Bay spinney is called at the present time 'Naneby Park'. Could the right of way through the farm be the old village street.

Henry Crafte of Naneby in 1416
1429 Thomas Colwey of Brascote

1429 John Hevet of Nanneby.

On Mr Whightmans farm at Brascote the are very large fields, this is a sign of ealy enclosure.

In 1490 The Marquis of Dorset (Thomas Grey) was inclosing his lands in Leics, Warwks + N'ants. In Leicestershire he enclosed his estates at Bradgate and on his wards manors of Brascote, Nanneby and N.V. His ward was Walter Devereaux, Lord ferrars of Chartley then a minor the owner of N.V. + Brascote.

There is a gravestone to the memory of Wm Wigston near to where the gate of the Hall used to be.

The land known today as the chater was were the Mountenay family lived, but wether the house was there before they took over in 1608 or they built chater house is not known.

N.V. registers date from 1542

Beyond Newbold Heath towards Bagworth is a field known to older inhabitants of NV as "Cock Shabbey", or Cock's Abbey. Could there possibly have been in ancient times a small monastic esteblishment?

Chancel of the church re-built in 1898.