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About Ratby



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PAT BUILER REPORTS

As your elected County Councillor, I'd like to bring to your attention matters affecting your village.

The two major issues at the moment are the Roll Forward of The Structure Plan and the proposed Leicester Western Bypass.

I am sure you will be as pleased that the Secretary of State has not approved the 300 additional houses, for which the Housebuilders Federation had pressed so strenuously. They would have been constructed in that triangle of land which lies between Sacheveral Way and Groby Road and is physically adjacent to the new Groby development but in the parish of Ratby.

My continuing concern is the Green Wedge between Groby, Ratby, Glenfield and Kirby Muxloe. I have made a further submission to the Department of the Environment to try and strengthen the policy in this area and particularly on the narrow strip between Kirby Muxloe and Ratby which was not included.

By the time you read this the plans for the proposed Leicester Western Bypass will have been on display in the Library and at County Hall. I am sure you will recall that this major dual carriageway was planned to link into the M.1. at Ratby, the junction is now proposed for Blood Hill at Kirby Muxloe

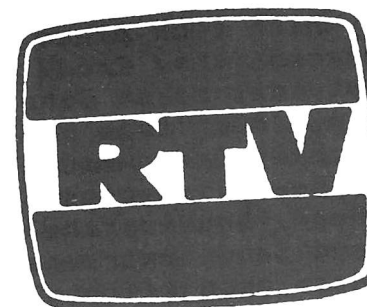
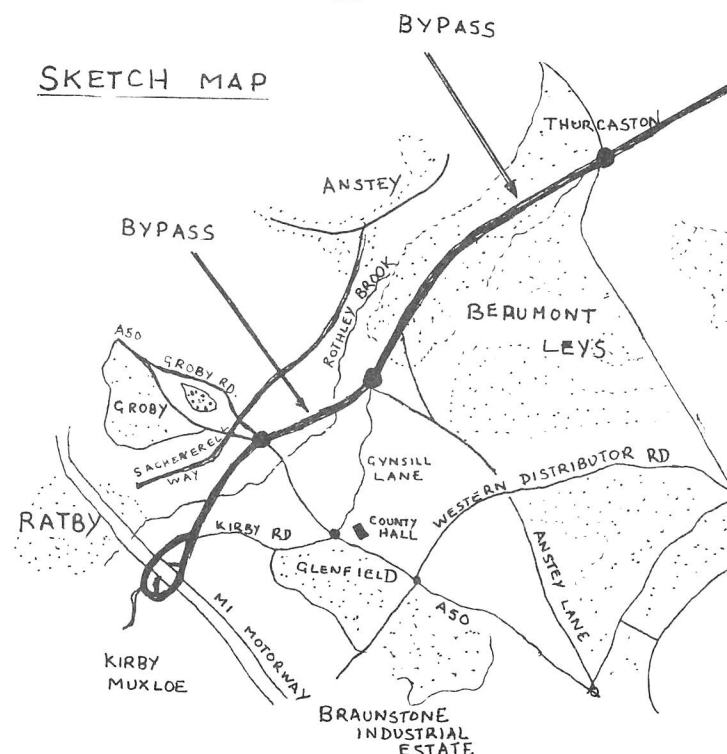
My new submission to the Department of the Environment refers to a Structure Plan document which says (speaking of Groby, Ratby and Glenfield) - In this instance the eventual crossing of the area by the Leicester Western Bypass will necessitate an examination of the potential for additional industrial development created by the construction of the road!

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THE A46 WESTERN BYPASS

PROPOSED ROUTE :-

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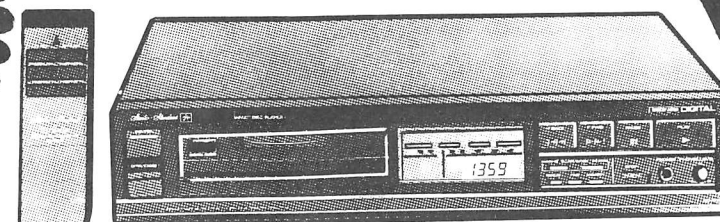
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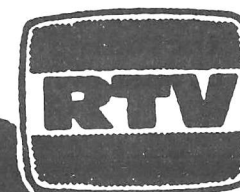
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If we get the proposed major dual carriageway, and with it the likelihood of more industry in that fragile Green Wedge separating the four villages (presumably at the Mill Lane Estate in Glenfield), the last green area between us and the City of Leicester would go and we should in my opinion become part of a vast urban sprawl.

This is my main reason for opposing the Leicester Western Bypass and any further development in this area. I wonder what readers think?

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Damage to Library Site

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Neighbourhood Watch

As a result of the recent meeting 15 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes are likely to be launched in the village. The Co-op and the Parish Council have suggested that they might contribute towards the cost of erecting street signs to advertise the scheme but financial support from other Traders would be welcome.

Bus Timetables

New bus timetables are now available and should be obtained from Littlewoods or City Bus.

Western By-pass

There was an exhibition at County Hall of the plans for the proposed Western By-pass. It was held from 11.30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday 18th March, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March.

Parking on Station Road

The parking along Station Road does cause problems, particularly to pedestrians. In some places it is impossible to get a pram between the cars and the fences or boundaries of the property. At the same time it is appreciated that the owners of the cars have no other place to park. We would earnestly ask them to leave the pavements clear. If the situation continues to be dangerous then the pressures for obtaining yellow lines would be too strong to resist. This is something the Parish Council has always opposed because they feel it is contrary to a village environmental atmosphere. We therefore ask for the co-operation of the people who have to, to park sensibly.

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1ST RATBY SCOUTS

WOT! It can't be time to write another piece already (yes it is - ed.). Well what has happened since last time. We have a few more scouts all of whom seem quite keen.

We run a points competition throughout each scout night (or other event e.g. weekend camp). This is very keenly contested with everything from the nightly inspection to badge work counting. Consequently the lads are very well turned out and they are making good progress through their badge work. At the time of going to press Lion Patrol are in the lead.

Will they stay there?

- Watch this space! -

The main event to have taken place since the last episode of the newsletter was an indoor weekend camp at Johns Lee Wood. There were about 20 lads at the camp. The activities were varied, ranging from trying to light a fire and do some cooking (for an explanation of the word trying, ask the lads), orienteering, model pioneering and playing games in the wood at night.

Well thanks for reading this item, and heres to next time.



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CUBS - SWIFTS

Flushed with success from the chess competition which took place in October, we entered the Cross Country Run on Saturday March 7th with the same gusto, our team - Thomas Shipman, Michael Greenwood, Matthew Byrne and a newly invested cub, Alistair McBean braved the elements of snow, mud and extreme cold and all made a good effort, despite the disadvantages. Well done to you all.

We would like to welcome Trevor Sleath who has recently joined our pack, as one of the leaders. Akela

CUBS - SWALLOWS

The illness that is "running" through the village meant this year's county cross country team was badly depleted, but considering the bad weather conditions and high standard of the other competitors the reserve boys did very well.

In April, there will be a 6 - a - side Football Competition, and hopefully the 'Swallows' will get the chance of success in District Competitions.

Arrow work forms the basis of work on Cub nights and most boys are well on the way to their Bronze Arrow. Also, they show a lot of interest and enthusiasm for their Badge work, most of this work is required to be done at home, although some boys have yet to realise that badges have to be earned and are not just given out at will. This will help them to come up with good and original ideas.

Finally, if anyone has the time or inclination to offer help with the boys during their time in Scouting please contact any of the leaders including myself - Ian Graham, L.386899.

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VILLAGE QUIZ TO
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RADIO LEICESTER "BRIDE OF THE WEEK"

A lot of you know "The Mangham" and their daughter Claire. Well what a weekend we've all had, she married a Lieutenant in United States Army- Robert Plummer on 7th March. Originally they were due to be married in Germany where Robert is stationed, but there wasn't time to get papers etc. before moving to America in May so it had to be by Special Licence signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Mr. Mangham did 750 miles to 3 different airports in 2 days fetching Col. Plummer and his wife, 2 Captains (1 pregnant!) 3 Lieutenants and most important **Claire and Robert**. Friday, we put approx. 40 dozen daffodils in Church, thanks to my neighbour for her help. Saturday, started off great with Claire being chosen as Bride of the Week. The snow had fallen and it was bitterly cold, but she had a wonderful warm smile and looked beautiful in her Mum's dress, she was attended by 6 year old Gemma who also looked gorgeous in her white dress and loved every minute. We had a great time at the reception, especially the entertainment by best man Kirk, later the visitors wanted to go to the English Pub, so we did, we've never laughed so much, it was wonderful. Sunday, the soldiers went home early and Claire and Robert flew back in the afternoon to start their new life. A good 'send off' at the airport which must have finished the weekend off nicely for them and they won't forget all that Keith and Jo did I'm sure. We wish them lots of happiness.

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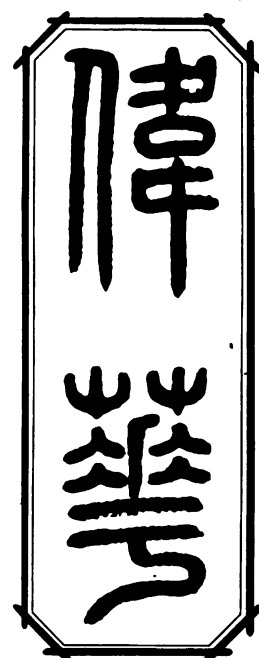
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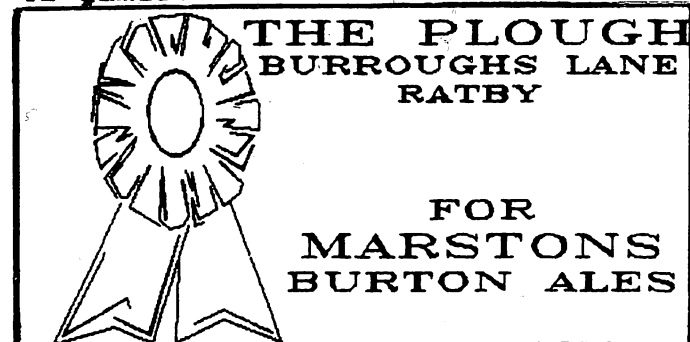
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Summer Fete

which will take place at the School on Saturday 6th June, and

It's a Knockout

which will be on 6th September at the Ratby Sports Club. Both events are quite large affairs for a small village and we are always grateful for the tremendous support we receive from everyone in Ratby. The School Association raises money purely to aid school resources. Without the money much of the recent equipment and many of the books in school simply would not be there. If anyone would like to join us in our endeavours, has ideas for new activities for the fete, or would like to have their own side-stall at the It's a Knockout, please contact either Pam Haezewindt on 392863 or Peter Smith at the Primary School.

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Monday 8.00 p.m. Monday Circle (contact Mavis Rae 392246)
every Monday except the first in the month.

8.00 p.m. Ladies Circle (contact Mary Jones 394432)
The first Monday in the month.

Tuesday 6.15 p.m. Brownies (leader Kathy Byrne 394621)
7.45 p.m. Youth Club (contact Dennis Green 386437)

Wednesday 3.00 p.m. Choir (Tenors and Basses especially welcome: Please contact Joy Parker 874042)
7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. Karate Club (children)
8.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Karate Club (adults)
(Contact Dave Spicer 895554)

Thursday 6.30 p.m. Cubs (Akela Gwen Holloway 394508)

Friday 7.30 p.m. Bible Study Group (Mary Jones 394432)
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A WORD OF THANKS

I am sure everyone in the village would agree with me, how much appreciated it was that everyone received post, milk, papers etc. in the terrible snow. We all sit in home warm and cosy and expect these things without another thought but everything was delivered and we can't say thankyou enough. *Anon-I-Mouse*

Bob-a-job

We have decided not to let the Cubs go round the village knocking on doors for bob-a-job this year. But hope to -organise perhaps a car-wash, shoe clean, litter pick. We hope you will help them and encourage them in this important day of the Cubs year. Thankyou.

Akela's 1 and 2



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RATBY CHURCH ROOMS

Hinckley and Bosworth's Mayor, Mrs Pam Wills opened a special "Craft Fair" on Saturday March 28th, to celebrate the completion of the Church Room improvements.

The improvement work had been necessary to bring the premises up to standard in order that music and dancing could take place. The building now boasts a new men's toilet, a disabled persons toilet, improved cloakroom facilities and the best storage room in Ratby!

The original plan was to purchase a hut from the Water Board, through the Scouts. Unfortunately, owing to a misunderstanding, the hut was sold to someone else.

The architect, Mr. David Haynes of Groby then had to revise the plans. Hinckley and Bosworth Manpower Services Community Programme undertook to do the work. The initial costing of materials was only about £5000, so work started, the site was cleared and derelict sheds were demolished.

It was then that the Borough Council installed a new agency manager who realised that the original costing was far too low.

The Church Council had by now reached a point of no return, and had to go ahead with the project in faith that they would be able to raise the further £6000 within a reasonable time.

So, the improvements are now complete, and the fund-raising must begin! Immediate plans to raise money include the traditional Garden Fete at the Rectory, which will be held on June 13th this year.

The premises are now available for private bookings, which can be arranged through the Rector, and once the licence is granted, the Church Rooms look set to become the venue for a variety of social events and concerts!

BEAVERS collect silver paper Clean milk-bottle tops etc. can be taken to J. Harrison, 20 Groby Road, 13

Some of the Community Programme Builders pictured outside the extension.
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I hope everyone reading this article enjoyed pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and whilst doing so realised that in days gone by this would have been the last time one could enjoy such rich foods for 40 days - the Lenten fast. As this day was the last chance for a cheerful fling before penance people also enjoyed cock-fighting, dancing, games and sports and other revelry and were then shriven on arrival at church (confession and absolution).

There are no true festivals after Shrove Tuesday until Mid-lent when Mothering Sunday is celebrated. In pre-Reformation England this day was a welcome break in the 40 day fast and feasting and games were restored for the day and men and women travelled to the Mother Church to make offerings and meet socially.

Mothers Day is a more recent, American celebration invented by Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia in 1907 and appointed by the American Congress in 1914 to be celebrated on the second Sunday of May, and has no connection with out much older, Mothering Sunday so do be sure you celebrate the right day!

The end of Lent sees celebrations on Palm Sunday and Maunday Thursday when the Last Supper of Christ and his disciples is remembered. The word Maunday is said to come from the Latin "mandatum" - a command, referring to the new commandment of love which Christ laid on his disciples.

Good Friday is traditionally a day when it is fortuitous to plant potatoes and sow parsley, being sure to eat your Hot Cross Buns whilst performing these gardening tasks! These buns are the descendents of small spiced cakes which the pagan Greeks and Romans ate at the Springtime festival of Diana. Only these true early baked buns were said to resist mould and one was usually kept in the house as a cure for whooping cough and dysentery.

the Spring Festivals in many lands, with their association with life and resurrection. Often eggs are decorated and blessed, (Pascal eggs) and these eggs are then called pace eggs and young men and boys would tour villages and collect eggs, performing Pace Egg plays in lieu of payment. Egg rolling on a convenient slope still flourishes in Northern England, Scotland and the Isle of Man, the rolling eggs said to symbolise the return of the sun and good luck going to the owner of the egg to navigate the slope and arrive unbroken at the bottom. Needless to say these eggs were often hard boiled!

There are so many customs at this time of the year it has been hard to choose which ones to relate - have a lovely Easter and perhaps I'll see you egg rolling!

Lynn Mellor



DIARY 'WOT'

- APRIL 4. Girl Guides Rummage Sale. 2 - 4 p.m. Church Rooms
4. Ratby Band Whist Drive. Welfare Hall. 2.30 p.m. 50p
4. Sports Club Gala Evening 8 p.m.
8. Beavers Open Evening Ratby School
8. W.I. - Humour & Pathos in a Magistrates Court (Visitors Welcome)
17. Sports Club - Arrival of Visitors from Venlo, Holland.
25. Royal British Legion St. George's Annual Dinner/Dance.
25. Ratby Band Millionaires' Evening, Groby College.
29. Playgroup A.G.M. 8 p.m. Church Rooms
- MAY 10. Scout Group Sponsored Walk - Martinshaw Wood.
13. W.I. Members Only - Buffet Supper & Resolutions.
15. Sports Club - Junior Football Presentation Evening.
15. Ratby Band - Bavarian Evening, Brookvale High School.
16. Ratby School Association Rummage Sale. Welfare Hall 2.30 p.m.
28. Scouts A.G.M. 8 p.m. Church Rooms.
31. Ratby Fun Run.

Issue 2! WOT an issue! It was obviously well read and we know from the response that two features in particular caused readers to take action. Fame so early!..... or was it notoriety? It's good to know that people will act and respond but we will not become complacent. Perhaps we can harness this action to help our village.

Nor should we as villagers become complacent as problems do happen in Ratby. Recently there have been serious crimes and there are constantly minor ones, but remember that they are not minor to the people affected. Ratby is not immune from such problems. The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme could help to stop some of these problems.

Get involved. Support the neighbourhood watch scheme.

The magazine is receiving support from advertisers, other groups and article writers, but should you have an article you wish us to publish, send it in and we'll have a look. Articles of general interest and of current affairs will be very acceptable.

Finally did you notice the nuts in the last issue, front page? Could you fill the Crow's speech bubble with something printable?

Plus an apology to those who have sent articles which we have been unable to fit in. We will try in the next issue.

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WHAT A GREAT RESPONSE!

Many schemes are starting to get organised. Many are about to start. If you volunteered to help please do not worry if time has not allowed the local constables to contact you. There are so many schemes to set up, it cannot be done overnight. More volunteers are required. Has your area put someone forward? This column will be used in the future to keep you posted.

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GUIDING

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 International Competition was held.
 The aim of the competition was to
 draw the girls' attention to the
 fact that Guiding is alive all over
 the world. The date for this round
 coincided with the weekend of
 Thinking Day, 22nd February/, when
 we especially remember the founders
 of Scouts and Guides, Lord and Lady
 Baden Powell.

The competition was open to all of
 the movement. Brownies and Guides,
 in their sixes or patrols, were
 required to make a Wall Display
 depicting another country where
 there is Guiding. Most Units
 participated and the variety of
 displays was astounding, ranging
 from drawings to collage. It was
 very difficult to choose winners to
 go forward to the next round at
 County level. However after much
 discussion a display about
 Australia from Newbold Verdon won
 the Brownie section and Barlestone
 won the Guide Section with a
 collage of a French Onion Seller.
 Ratby Guides came in a close second
 with a beautifully illustrated
 display of America. Only one guider
 entered, Mrs Joyce Johnson from
 Thornton. she made a beautiful
 cushion depicting "Our Chalet" a
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 entry will also go forward to the
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 and parents. They brought jigsaw
 puzzles, dominoes and special 'Road
 Safety' games which provided a
 focus for talking about the dangers
 of the road, and emphasising the
 safe places to play. It is never
 too early to teach safety rules,
 and the games and activities made
 it all fun too.

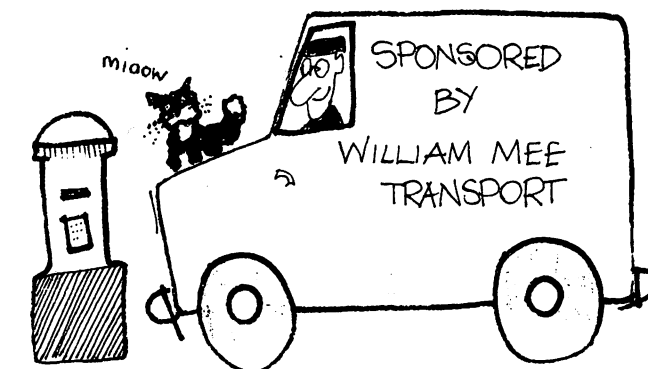
The highlight of the project was a
 visit from Mrs Crump, better known
 to the children as "the lollipop
 lady" who lay down on a large piece
 of paper so that we could draw
 around her!

Even more excitement was created
 by our next visitor. Postman Pat
 came to Playgroup every day for a
 whole week, specially to open our
 own postbox and distribute the cards
 made by the children!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's A.G.M. will be held in
 the Church Rooms on
WEDNESDAY 29TH
APRIL
 at 8 p.m.

Tickets will be sold in advance
 for wine and cheese. Watch out for
 posters for more details. All
 parents are welcome to come along,
 even if your children are not yet
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Lisa Staples age 4

Crow Pie



children's page

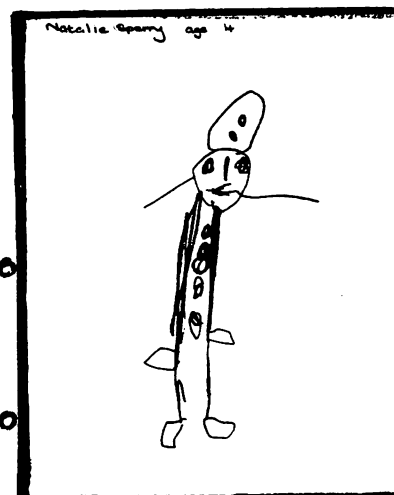


Alison Tyler age 4



Mrs Sue Couling, Librarian has picked Lisa Staples as our First Prize Winner !!

Well done also to Salim, Natalie and Alison, who are our three runners up !!



Natalie Sperry age 4

not more snow!!



have you got any drawings jokes or stories worth crowing about?

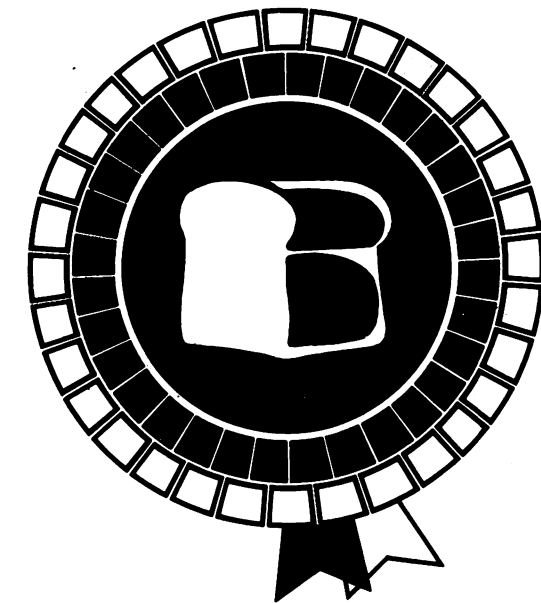
3 lovely snowmen drawings...

Winter

Winter, winter I love you
Because I always catch the flu.
I stay in bed all day and then
I think I'm going to die...
But then just jump out of bed
and start to dance and bump
my head.
I run around collecting snow
And make a snowman 3' 6"
And then an igloo out of bricks
But then it's time to go inside
And go to sleep for the night.

by Salim Mukaddum, 9.

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THE RATBY BAND

At the recent Annual General Meeting held on Monday 16th February a busy past year was reviewed.

The year's events have seen visits from friends abroad — the Onda Band from Middelburg and from the Beeston Pipe Band. There was also a visit to Holland to Fijnaart for four days. As well as visits overseas the year saw the Band in such diverse locations as Yeovil in Somerset and Buxton in Derbyshire. The Band achieved success by winning second prize and a prize for the best brass section in the premier division of the Buxton Festival.

Closer to home the Band's activities have been many and varied. The Summer saw a very successful Crow Pie Carnival, despite a chilly day. Social events have included film evenings, a barbecue and then a skittles evening at Old Hayes Farm, bonfire parties and coffee mornings. December saw the Band out daily at various venues. All these of course have been in addition to the annual local concerts. During the year the Band were out no less than 181 times.

The year's activities have all helped the Band in their efforts to raise funds towards the building of their new headquarters in Ratby.

This year's efforts have already seen a social evening at Groby Community College and a very popular whist drive. The next event was a Car Boot Sale and Giant Flea Market (both indoor and outdoor) on Sunday March 22nd at Groby Community College.

For future events watch for posters and notices!

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Our Netball article for this issue created quite a problem for the publishers. We understand that there has been a great demand for the continuance of the Ratby Cricket happy balance the Editor has agreed to publish the Netball article.

NETBALL

The Netball section of the Ratby Sports Club celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year. Two of its original 'veterans' Susanne Preston and Marilyn Smart still play major roles in the team today - and now play alongside their daughters.

It was over a social chat that a few Ratby ladies decided to pursue their favourite school sport and consequently ventured into Leicestershire County Netball Association league. At that time there were only 2 divisions (there are four today), they entered into the 2nd Division and soon found themselves runners up and hence promoted to division 1.

During the past 10 years the netball league has changed rapidly, it has become much more a game of skill and is highly competitive. Also its popularity has dramatically increased - hence the 4 divisions existing at present. Regrettably today Ratby are placed in Division 3. The level of play in the 4 divisions is matched quite closely, making promotion a most difficult task, but for those keen enough to play, whether ambitious or not, it is a very enjoyable and satisfying sport.

The Leicestershire Netball Association

The events arranged by the Association always prove to be most enjoyable and include an annual County Tournament and an annual Mixed Tournament, the

latter of which is participated in with great enthusiasm by the Ratby team - with the help of several local men from the football team! Also the "Spotlight on Netball" is a very enjoyable evening, where all standards of play takes place, from school teams right through to the highlight of the evening - a County Match. The County team have a very successful side and travel all over the country playing. During 1986 we lost one of our most promising young players as she was chosen for the County. A sad loss for the Ratby side, but we were highly delighted to see one of our girls, who trained and played for Ratby, move on to success.

Fund Raising/Social Events

Fund raising is an important task for any type of sport and the netball section contribute by holding rummage sales and catering at the Sports Club events, our most successful being Halloween and Valentines Dances. Whilst on the subject of dances, the Sports Club Presentation Dance takes place on May 3rd, and the Netballers will be there waiting to see who has won "Sports Woman of the Year" or "Most Improved Player", plus other awards. The fund raising helps towards kit for players, although this season we were very fortunate in being sponsored by local businessman, Alan Bacon (Gas Appliance Services) who very generously donated our new kit.

During the summer months we play

friendly mixed matches on Sunday Afternoons, again with the help of the footballers, at the Ferndale court. Although these matches usually end up with excessive fouling (not from the netballers may we add) and near hysterics, it does give us some tough opposition and good practice. After these matches we end up at the Sports Club for Sunday tea.

The Future

We are looking for new recruits, preferably over 14 years old, to enable us to begin a "Junior side". By doing this, our existing side would have to be split - so don't worry you more "mature" ladies, if you fancy having a go and think you are energetic enough to race around for 40 minutes, please contact us now.

As with all team sports,

dedication to the game is vital, we practice once a week, at the moment at Beaumont Leys Leisure Centre on a Monday evening, and play in the league on Thursday evenings, both evenings taking up approximately one hour. For next winter, beginning September we have applied for practice sessions at the Groby Community College, which will certainly be more convenient for all.

Hopefully this insight into the Ratby Netball Team may have whetted the appetite of all budding or experienced netballers and we certainly look forward to your contact, we are sure you won't regret it - and certainly know you will enjoy it - so Ladies and Girls, GET IN TOUCH NOW AND GIVE IT A GO!

Telephone: Di Jordan
- 393868
or Susanne Preston
- 386797



BACK ROW: Left to Right.
Carol Hendry, Susanne Preston, Marilyn Smart, Becky North, Chris Smith, Joanne Preston.
FRONT ROW: Left to Right.
Kerry Smart, Susan James, Di Jordan, Nicky Gadsby.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING ANY
ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE
OR CALL IN AT THE CLUBHOUSE

OF THE CLUB SECTIONS OR REQUIRING
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AND HAVE A CHAT WITH US