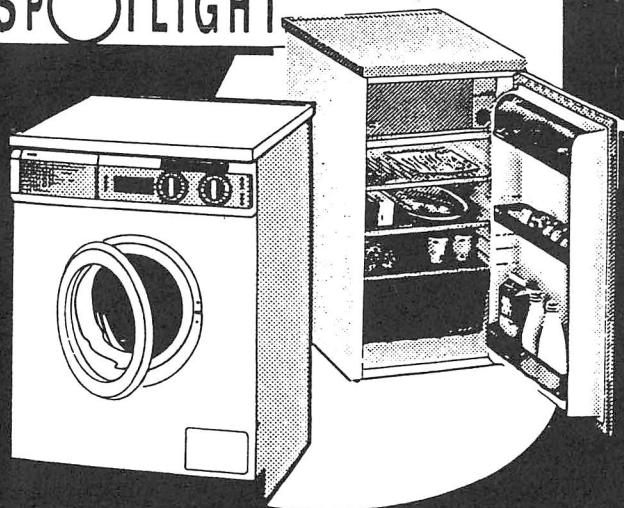


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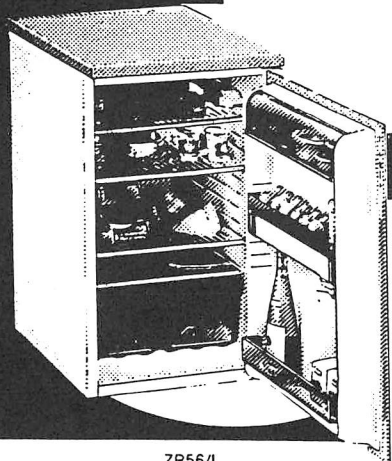
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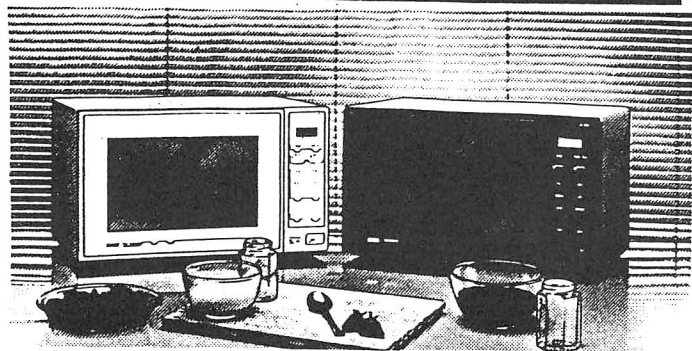
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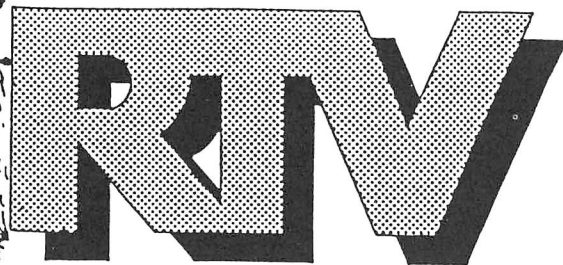
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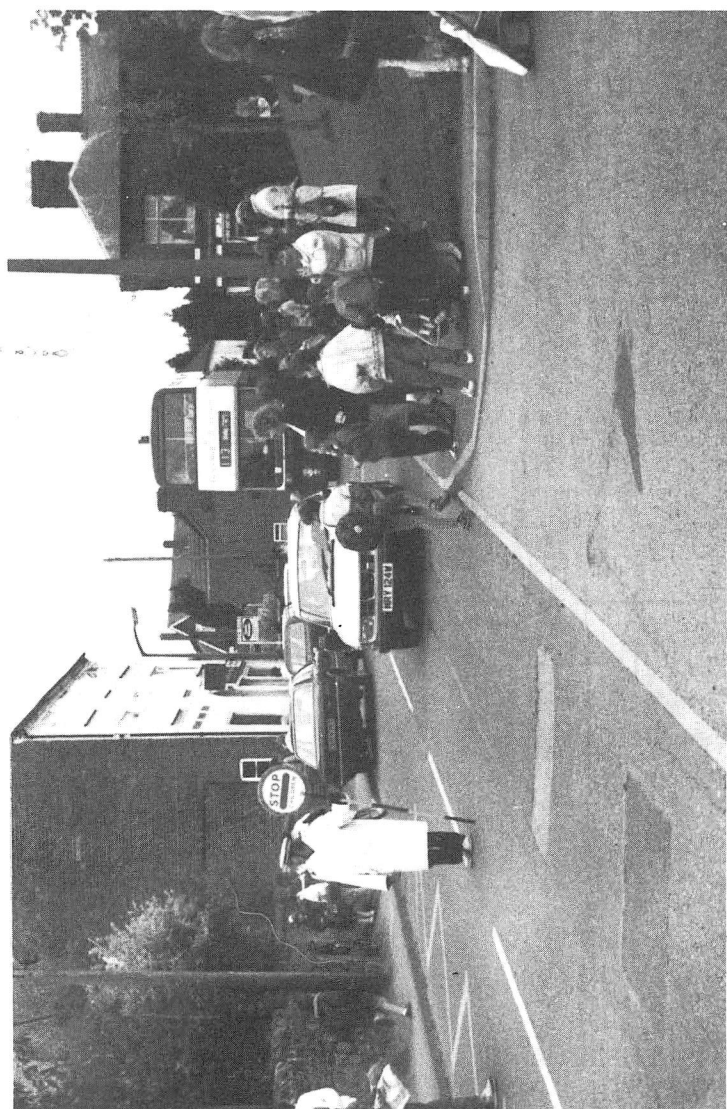
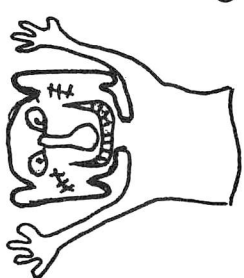
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YOUR VIEWS PLEASE!

For a very long time problems on the roads of Ratby have been the cause of many a heated debate. Of late the situation has seemed to worsen dramatically. The volume of traffic has increased particularly at 'peak hours' because Sacheverel Way acts as a by-pass to the continuing problems of the A50 and provides a faster route to Scudamore Road or Hinckley Road than New Parks Way.

The twice daily, term time bun fight as children go to school and return home is currently discussed most. Parking on the road near the school now brings the threat of a 'ticket'. The resultant clear road brings higher traffic speeds and merely swaps one danger for another possibly greater one. Parents standing on the pavement totally obscure the view of drivers

the pavement be widened to overcome this danger has produced a strong negative response from at least one Parish Councillor. Parking in the entrance to the Library Car Park blocks the path. The 'crossing' is almost directly into the car park entrance.

Do you think that this is an opportunity for the Parish Council to be practical and positive and to put the safety of our children before a few square yards of turf? Do you think that the police, who point out that, technically, the owner of any vehicle parked in any road at any time is guilty of causing an obstruction, should either get some yellow lines put down outside the school or leave motorists alone?

The lines may well be preferable.

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against abusers of the weight restrictions, the double parking on a bend by delivery vans at the Co-op and other delivery vans parking in such a way as to block Station Road and Chapel Lane.

Dangerous and illegal parking in the entrance to Desford Lane causes many a near miss and surely must stop. What price your newspaper or packet of fags?

County Travel have applied for permission to run a larger number of coaches from the village and may face some opposition. If so how will this affect Casepak when their licence comes up for renewal? The size of their lorries seems to increase every year and four or five parked on the road is not unknown. How often have you seen the Railway Inn car park or the drives to peoples houses blocked by these lorries? Has anyone bought one of the new houses yet? At least the coaches would not be causing obstruction on the main road. They would probably by the nature of their business leave the village and return but once a day! You may feel that they are still not a good idea. Your ideas are exactly what we are looking for on this whole subject. All of the problems have not been identified in this article and none would be totally resolved by its few suggestions but hopefully you have found sufficient food for thought! Don't forget your letters can be left at the Library.

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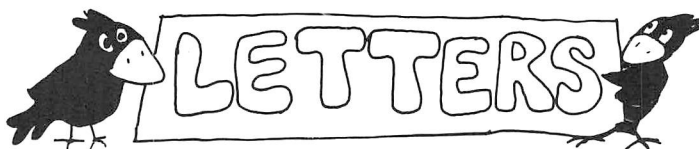
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RATBY'S PEARLY KING AND QUEEN

Village shoppers will have seen Mr.

Ernie White outside Julies' hairdressing salon on March 25th, selling raffle tickets for COPE.

Since 1961, when his father died, Mr. White has been Leicester's Pearly King, continuing a family tradition that began in 1912.

Ernie and his wife Betty moved to Ratby 12 months ago, and although they find it a 'bit rural' for a couple of "Townies", they have found Ratby to be just about the friendliest place they have lived in.

The couple are kept busy attending charitable functions throughout the County. They are the only local Pearly King and Queen.

Between them they have more than 20,000 buttons sewn onto their costumes. You can distinguish the Leicestershire symbols of a running fox, and cinque foil, as well as horse-shoes, sewn upside down in Rutland fashion so that there is nowhere for the devil to hide!



COPE

A Garage Sale
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The recent cuffufal over what we should eat and how we should store it safely, brought to mind a thought from memory lane of a time when only the aristocracy had a fridge and deep freezers were something that happened in January.

We have spoken before of the perk of half a pig allowed to the farm labourer, which of course included "the side", to be cured for bacon and otherwise known as "the picture on the wall".

The cure could take place at any time providing there was an "R" in the month.

The side of pork was then treated to a complete fingertips massage of salt and salt-petre in every nook and crany, then religiously turned over every second day for 6 weeks, or until it was cured and ready for hanging.

Nestled down in its white cotton pillowcase, "the picture" was hung from a 6" nail in the kitchen wall and there it would stay for the next 6 or 8 months.

The only attention it ever received was a clean pillow case when the family were expecting company!

After all this a rasher was made up of an inch and a half of solid fat with a thin edge of lean. Far too rich for the faint hearted in this form, it was normally frizzled down with bread dipped in the resulting fat.

While it certainly put hairs on your chest, and elsewhere for that matter, we had never heard of Salmonella or the like, although, fair to say, we did have our share of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Tuberculosis, Whooping Cough, Measles and Fat Annie.

PS Does anyone remember taking 6 month old "fresh" eggs out of the water glass bucket?

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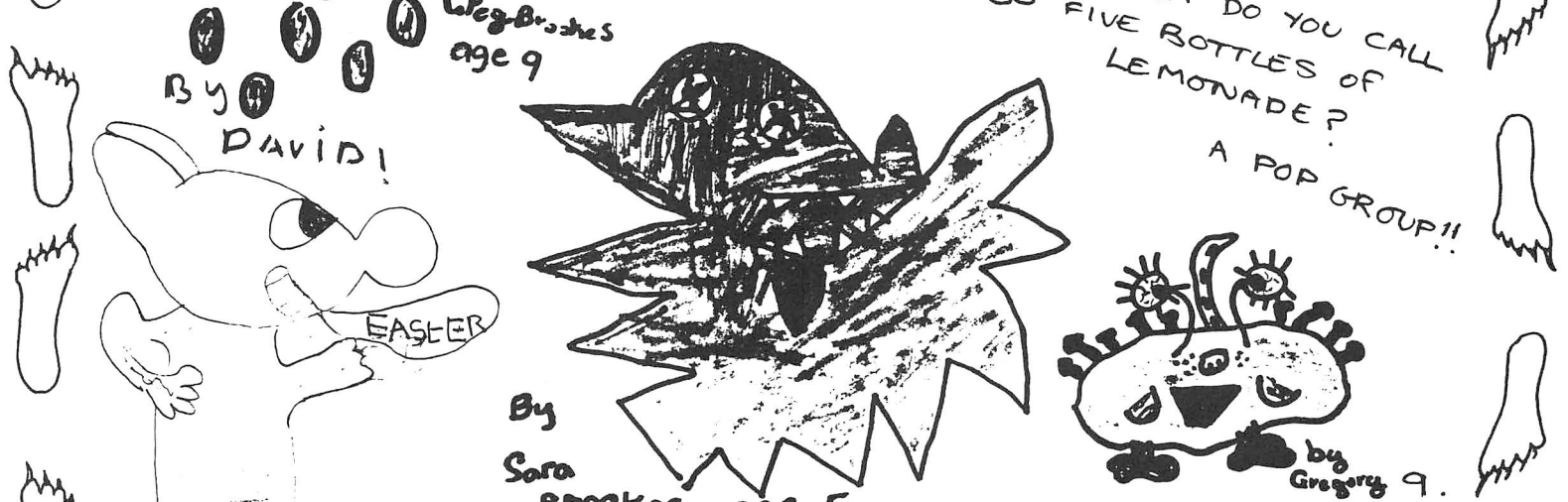
By David and Steven Keogh.

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MARK SETS THE PACE

You may remember a letter from Judith Harrison in our October 1988 issue. Judith's son Mark had suffered a serious head injury after falling from his bicycle. As you can see he is fully recovered, back on his bike, and looking really cool in his Italian-designed safety helmet.

"I think wearing a helmet is a good idea," says Mark, "because it helps you if you fall off your bike. It feels safe. The helmet might break but you won't hurt your head."

Falling from a bike and hitting your head at 10.5 miles an hour could result in the same damage as that caused by a ton of concrete hitting your skull.

In today's traffic conditions it makes sense for adults and children to wear cycling safety helmets.

75% of all cycle casualties involve a head injury and 69% of all cyclist deaths are caused by head injuries.

Nearly 200 lives could be saved each year if every cyclist wore a helmet.

A new British Standard has been launched, so you should look for a helmet that conforms, (BS 6863-87) or the American



equivalent. This should protect you from a force of 300 g.

Try the helmets on before you buy. Most can be adjusted. Get a friend to try pulling it off your head when it is firmly strapped - if it won't stay on your head, in an accident it is no use. Helmets are ventilated, but can get a little sweaty. (Very cosy in Winter!) Some have removable washable sweatpads.

You don't have to go far for friendly, helpful advice. The Bicycle shop in Kirby Muxloe is a pleasant cycle ride away, and the owner will be only too glad to help. He has various makes available, including the new British-made "Centurion", or Italian "Brancale". Prices are between £20 - £34.

Well done Mark for setting the pace in Ratby! It takes real courage to be different in this fashion-conscious age.

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SATURDAY - DAY 2

Today offers a full day touring around this magnificent area of North Wales with visits to Bangor, Anglesey and the village with the longest name in Europe, some 52 letters, where James Pringle has also recently opened a woollen mill. Then it's off into the centre of Snowdonia for a drive through some of the most breathtaking scenery of Wales. You return to the Royal Hotel in Caernarvon for dinner.

SUNDAY - DAY 3

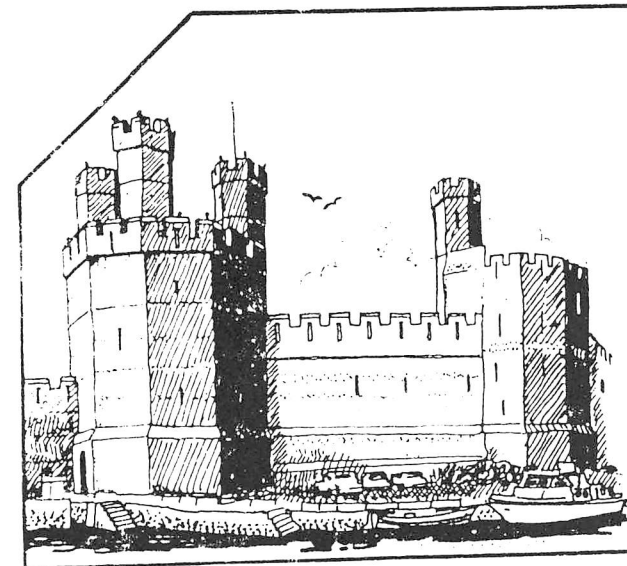
Leaving Caernarvon this morning after breakfast, your drive will return you through the Llanberis Pass, making a stop at the famous Swallow Falls. A late stop for lunch will be taken in the ancient pretty town of Shrewsbury renowned for its timber houses and narrow cobbled streets. Your coach will return you home around 2000 hours.

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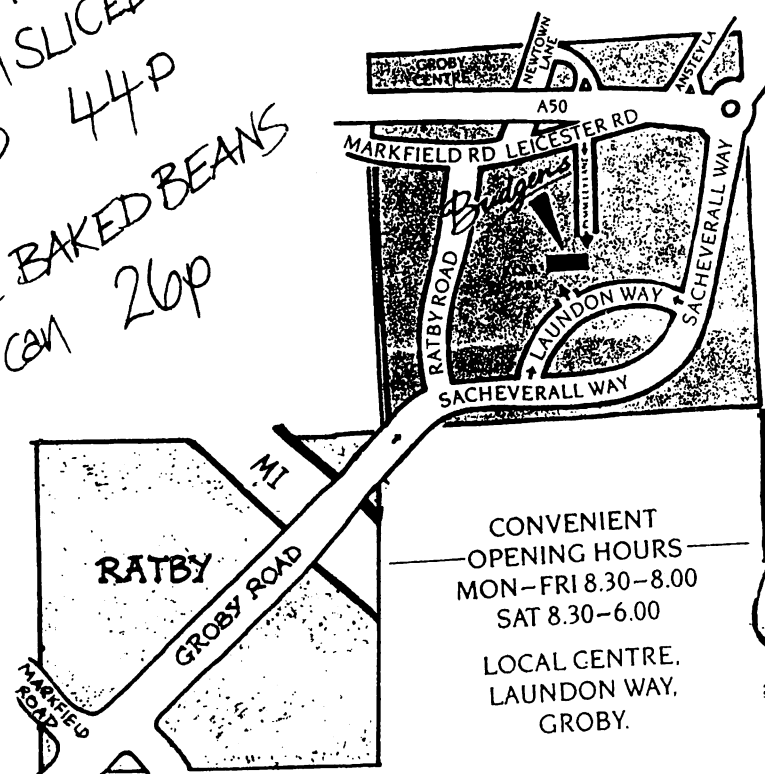
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GARDEN NOTES FOR APRIL

The month of April showers is the great growing month, especially for weeds. A careful tidying round the garden now will pay dividends later, annual weeds seed very quickly and the old saying "one year's seeding seven years weeding" is only too true.

Most vegetables can be sown now except French and Runner beans. Beetroot sown early will bolt to seed if there is a frost on it unless it is a variety such as Boltardy.

The early flowering shrubs such as Forsythia and Winter Jasmine can be pruned if necessary by cutting out some of the flowering shoots, next year's flowers will be produced on the new growth from this year so don't leave this too late. Winter flowering Heathers can be trimmed back with shears to keep them compact.

Evergreen shrubs are best planted now even from containers. They lose a great deal of moisture through their leaves so they need to be kept damp while they establish their roots. Always spread out the roots of container grown plants otherwise they will go on growing round in circles and never make a good root system in the soil.

Don't be tempted to plant out half-hardy bedding plants until at least the end of May. One sharp frost will kill them and last year we had the coldest night of the Winter in mid-April.

This is the time of the year to decide where to plant bulbs next Autumn. I am particularly fond of clumps of tulips amongst shrubs and herbaceous plants, especially dark purple and white varieties. It is worthwhile making a note of where these will look best.

Perennial plants that produce tender new growth early in the year, such as the tree paeonies can often be protected from damage from late frosts by siting so that the sun does not shine on them for the first few hours of daylight. The frozen buds survive if they are thawed slowly.

After this very mild winter pests and diseases are building up very early. Keep an eye open for slugs and snails and aphides and take appropriate action as soon as they appear. Black spot on roses has continued to grow all Winter in some areas so an early spray on new growth will probably be needed.

CRECHE CHILDREN SCALE THE HEIGHTS FOR CASH

Many pre-school children from Ratby recently took part in a 'sponsored obstacle course' at Groby Community College creche. They were crawling through barrels, scrambling over climbing frames and balancing in aid of Leicester Royal Infirmary's "COPE" appeal.

Two Ratby youngsters, Loren Glover, and Matthew Rains hold the record for raising over £40 each!

At the time of going to press the grand total stands at £275.

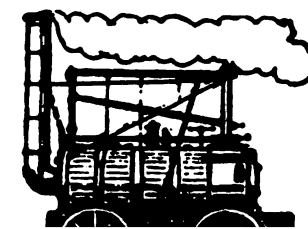
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Watch schemes are helping, with advice on making homes secure, but keep those cars locked to deter theft!!

Compared to many places, Ratby has relatively low crime levels, with your support we are determined to keep it that way.

Parish Council Election

The election for the casual vacancy on the Parish Council was held on Thursday 9th in the Church Rooms.

Mr. Ray Smith was duly elected having received 347 votes.

Mr. David Brookes received 111 votes.

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County Councillor Mrs. Pat Butler reported that there is unlikely to be any announcement of the decision before June.

Burroughs Wood

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council have declared a Tree Preservation Order on the Northern Section of this Wood.

The Parish Clerk


The Parish Council announces with great regret that Mrs Irene McLeod is resigning from her post as Parish Clerk. The Council are indebted to her for her conscientious work over many years, and wish her every success for her future 'career'.

The new Clerk will be Mrs. J. Coulson of 1 Woodley Road, Ratby, Leicester LE6 0NZ. Tel. No. 386334.

Mrs. Coulson takes up the position as from 1st April 1989.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY APRIL 13TH AT 7.30 IN THE WELFARE HALL. ALL ARE WELCOME.

The next meeting of Ratby Parish Council will be held on Tuesday May 2nd, 7.15 p.m.



Village Improvements

Ratby will again be entering the "Best Kept Village Competition". So come on everyone, enter into the spirit and help improve the village. The Parish Council is launching a scheme to provide attractive hanging baskets on retail properties in the village, to brighten up Ratby!

Police

police are investigating complaints by some residents of air-gun pellets being fired through windows. Concern has been expressed that drivers are consistently speeding through the village. The Police have agreed to



set up speed traps. Crime figures for Ratby showing total offences in 1988 have been released:-

	Recorded	Detected
Assault	6	5
Sexual offences	Nil	Nil
Burglary (Dwelling)	17	5
Burglary	12	6
Robbery	Nil	Nil
Taking a car without owner's consent	9	3
Theft from unattended Motor vehicle	24 !!	10
Theft of Cycles	Nil	Nil
Theft - Others	8	2
Criminal Damage	9	2
Damage - Other	1	1
	86	34

By the time you read this magazine it is hoped that Ratby's new village policeman will be here, helping to get these figures lower. Neighbourhood

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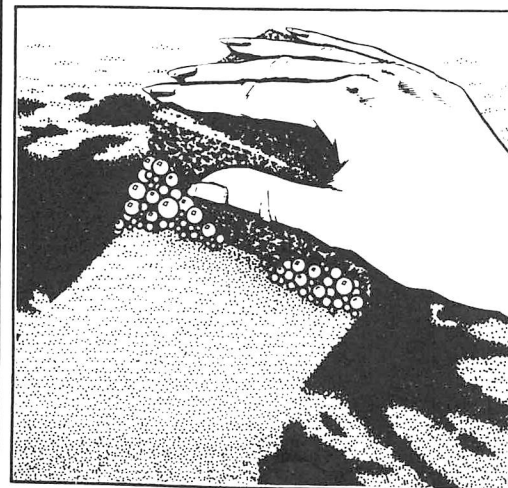
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RATBY PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Ratby Primary School Association is a committee of parents and teachers which organises fund-raising events for the benefit of all the children at the school.

Our most recent event was a Valentine Disco on Friday 10th February. Thanks to all who came - we know you had a good time! It is hoped to stage a similar event next year so watch out for details.

For those of you who have been spring-cleaning - our next Rummage Sale is on Saturday 6th May at 2.30 p.m. at the Welfare Hall. Contact Steve (386347) or Judith (393871) or any committee member if you would like rummage collected. There are always plenty of bargains to be had at our Rummage Sales so make a note of the date.

Every year the School Association organises a Summer Fete which is always well-supported by the people of Ratby. This year the Fete is on Saturday 3rd June.

Back by popular demand is our "It's a Knockout" competition which will take place on Sunday 24th September. We will be contacting teams in the near future.

Anyone who would like to help in any way with these events will be very welcome. Please contact Steve, Judith (numbers above) or Mr. Smith at the school for further details.

Finally, the School Association realises that none of these events would be a success without the support of many of you. Thankyou very much for your support throughout the year.



DIARY DATES:

Rummage Sale Sat. 6th May
Summer Fete Sat. 3rd June
It's a Knockout Sun. 24th Sept.



RATBY PLAYGROUP HAVE DONE IT AGAIN!!

Not content with raising a fortune for the Wishing Well appeal, Ratby Playgroups' leaders and committee have excelled themselves again.

On March 10th they dressed up for Comic Relief and held a Coffee Morning. Anyone in fancy dress or sporting a red nose won a free go on the raffle!! The revelling continued into the evening at a Skittles party. A whip-round in the Bulls Head bought the total raised to £85!!

The next day they were out again organising an Easter Fair in the Church Rooms with stalls, games and the most magnificent selection of scrumptious cakes ever seen. The £98.00 profit is to be spent on much needed new tables and chairs for the playgroup children.

So congratulations to Ratby Playgroup, and many thanks to all who support them!

At the end of May they are planning a 'sponsored pram-push'. So if you've got a pram or a buggy, a dolls pram or a wheelbarrow why not get out and

join in the fun!! It'll start at Ferndale Play area over a course of about a mile - Fancy dress optional! And there'll be stalls and games to make a good day out for all - so don't miss it.

HELP

A special plea for help from the playgroup - can anyone please help level and turf the ground behind the Church Rooms to make an outdoor area for the children to play in?



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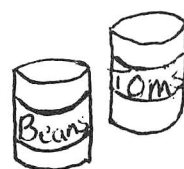
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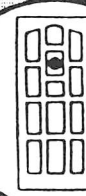
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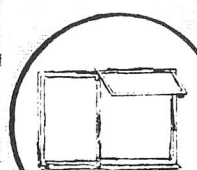
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copyholders and had lost their lands at the time of the Parliamentary Enclosures many had sufficient land to keep a pig. The lot of the villager was further improved when the Earl of Stamford granted an area of land adjacent to what would later become Stamford Street as village allotments. Here the villager could grow garden produce, if they wished keep the occasional pig or a few hens to supplement the family larder. Later when houses were built on Stamford Street purpose built pig stys accompanied the dwellings built on the south side of the street. Some of the atmosphere of the days when bacon was home cured in the country cottage is captured in this extract from the diary of Ann Hughes, the wife of a Herefordshire farmer who kept a written account of her life for a two year period between February 1796 and August 1797.

On Monday 18th of February she writes "up betimes this morn to put the pots on, filled with watern to boil hot for toe clean the pigges when they be killed. Carters wife do come to help and to clean the pigs inerds, a messie job I do mislike. But they be very good when cooked. We do boil them in a big pot for three days afre they be well soaked in brine water. The pigges be hung up in the pot kitchen to cool till the morrow, when they will be cut up and the meat cut from out them inside. The flytches then be put in saltern leds and rubbed with a mess made with 3 punds of salt, 3 punds of black sugar and some saltpetter and soda. This bee well rubbed on the fleshy sides which is left cum three days then we do turn them over, putting on more salt and leave for three weekes when we do drain of the brine, and hang them in the chimblie corner to dry.

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A PIG IN THE PARLOUR

Prior to post war legislation restricting the slaughter of farm livestock to registered premises "a pig in the parlour" provided a cheap supply of meat for many village families. One of my earliest recollections of my grandparent's house in Stamford Street was a visit to see the pigs in the sty at the bottom of the garden. On entering the house I vividly remember the flitches of bacon hanging from the several hooks in the parlour ceiling. This tradition of storing meat dates back to earliest times when after slaughter pigs were jointed, salted and hung high in the house so that smoke from the open hearth gently cured the meat. In many inventories relating to the goods and chattels of villagers there are often references made of "flitches of bacon" or the flitches in the ceiling. For instance in the inventory of John North late of Whittington in Ratby Parish there is mention of "two flitches of bacon valued at ten shillings". On other occasions evidence that meat curing was taking place within the home can be presumed where references to "salting troughs" is made.

Prior to the enclosure of the village open fields in 1773 pigs allowed to feed on the village commons and also within the surrounding woodland. Here in the autumn months the extensive oak woodland that once existed would have provided ample yields of acorns which had for centuries formed an important part of the pigs staple diet.

Surviving documents such as wills or the inventories previously mentioned suggest that on average each village kept a minimum of four pigs usually three sows to every boar. Besides these springtime litters of piglets are to be expected and indeed are listed periodically in some villages inventories. The Manor court rolls relating to Ratby give us further details regarding the role of the pig in the local economy. The Manor court rolls for the year 1657 make reference to a common fine (this was a sort of local taxation) known locally as "Tackle-silver". The entry for

1657 records that all inhabitants of Ratby who were keeping pigs in the Lords woods within the Parish of Ratby and which belong to the Manor of Groby were liable to pay the tax. This tax which has its origins in Saxon times was in other regions of the country referred to as "Pannage". The tax was generally collected in the autumn months when the woods were full of pigs. In the Manor of Groby the tax was collected at the martinmas meeting of the court, held around the 11th of November. Each villager keeping pigs in the Lords woods was fined a penny for every pig and a half penny for every piglet in his ownership. However he was allowed to keep one sow and a boar free from tax.

This clever Manorial taxation encouraged the keeping of pigs for the villagers benefit and also guaranteed that come next Martinmas our villagers would still have a number of pigs grazing in the manorial woods.

By the early 19th century the open fields were gone, the commons were enclosed and the remaining woodland now the preserve of the Earl of Stamford's shooting interests. Despite the fact that many of the villagers were



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PLANNING

Following the article about a Golf Course at Ratby at the time of writing - 22nd March 1989 the Section 52 Agreement has still not been agreed between the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and Solicitors.

In discussions with the Planning Department a very helpful booklet entitled Planning and Building Control Handbook was obtained and is freely available indicating the framework of Planning.

There is a new General Development order which came into force on the 5th December 1988. The booklet is therefore being re-written but a useful diagram indicating the minor alterations to a house not usually needing planning permission is re-produced.

We would emphasise that it is still best to check with the very helpful Planning Department at Hinckley & Bosworth (tel. no. Hinckley 38141) before proceeding with any matter which might need permission.

N.B. A summary of the General Development order (or planning in general) will follow in future issues.

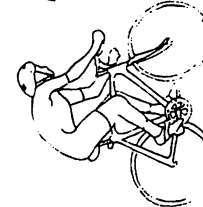
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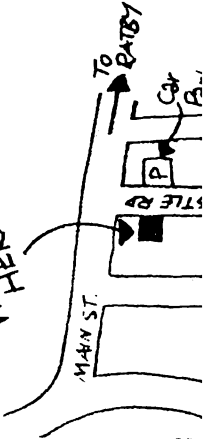


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If, like myself, you feed and take an interest in the birds in your back garden, you may wish to broaden your bird watching horizons. Here in Leicestershire we do have some excellent spots close at hand to do just this. The local reservoirs are an excellent place to start, most are easily viewed from public highways, others have special areas set apart for Bird Watchers. Cropston, Swithland and Eyebrook Reservoirs are good places, and Rutland Water is fast becoming a "Mecca" for all Bird Watchers nationally.

Other excellent places for water birds are the disused Gravel Pits around Birstall, Syston, Cossington and Wreake Valley area. Most of these are accessible by footpaths, but some are private, so check first.

Also in the county we have some excellent Woodlands, Martinshaw, Swithland and the Outwoods. All wonderful woods for walking and Bird Watching. Woods are best visited in the Spring and early Summer, when birds are plentiful, and in song.

One of the ways to broaden your knowledge further, is to join a local group for Bird Watchers. The Royal Society for Protection of Birds (RSPB) has local groups in Leicester and Loughborough. There is also the Leicestershire and Rutland Ornithological Society (LROS). Both above organise talks and events locally and trips further afield.

Two points to note before setting out on your first "expedition". Get yourself a good "British Birds Fieldguide", there are many to choose from, nothing is more frustrating than seeing a bird that you cannot identify. Secondly learn, and follow, the country code. A good motto is "When you leave the countryside, leave only your footprints behind you".

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- No more than 1m. high adjacent to highway.
- No more than 2m. high in other cases.
- Is not in grounds of or surrounding a listed building.

Exterior Painting/Cladding

- Provided not for advertisement or direct announcement or direct
- No cladding with artificial stone, plastic or timber in conservation area.

Buildings or enclosures garages, greenhouses, stables, aviaries, etc. or other pools

Provided that

- Incidental to enjoyment of dwelling.
- Does not involve antenna.
- No nearer highway than dwelling or 20m., whichever is nearer.
- Not within 5m. of dwelling or 10m³ (otherwise extension to dwelling No more than 4m. high (roof) or 3m. high (flat roof). Does not, together with other extensions etc. cover 50% of garden.
- Is less than 10m from conservation area or curtilage of listed building.

Extensions/Improvements

Provided that

- Original dwelling not by more than 70m³ (if terraced house or dwelling in conservation area).
- No higher than dwelling.
- No nearer highway than dwelling or 20m., whichever is nearer.
- No higher than 4m. of boundary.
- Does not together with other buildings etc. cover 50% of garden.
- Does not involve antenna.
- Is not within curtilage of listed building.
- Does not affect the character of the area.

Note: If extension building within 5m. of outbuilding then counts as dwelling.

Additions/Alterations to roof

Provided that

- No higher than highest part of existing roof.
- No development in front of slope of roof facing road.
- No bigger than 50m³ (40m³ for a terraced house).
- Cubic content of original dwelling not exceeded by more than 70m³ (50m³ for a terraced house).
- Not in a conservation area.
- No material change to shape of dwelling.

Hard Surfaces (including Patios)

- Provided incidental to enjoyment of dwelling.

Access

Provided that

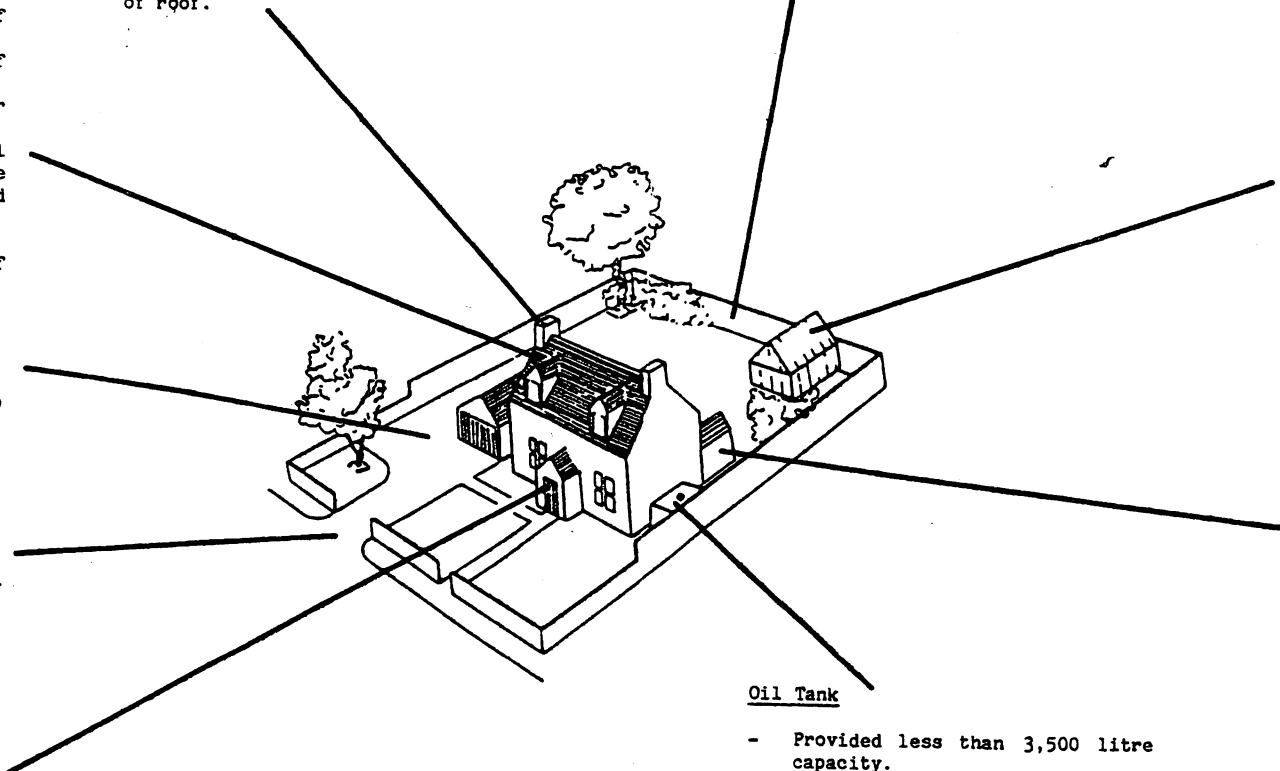
- Not to a trunk road or classified road.
- Required in connection with permitted development described here.

Porch

Provided that

- No more than 3m² ground area.
- No more than 3m. high.
- At least 2m. from boundary with highway.

Note: the above diagram is for illustrative purposes only and does not cover every eventuality. All volumes are from external measurements. If in doubt, please check with Planning Section first.





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1ST RATBY SWALLOWS

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Recently we entered a Chess & Draughts competition and John Harrison got a place, well done John!!

On 15th April we have a 6-a-side football competition, so there will be practice for that. Our annual St. George's Parade will be in town on 23rd April, I think for most of the pack it will be the first time.

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Having said earlier that detectors will find any metal object, there is one major snag, DEPTH. Contrary to popular belief "hobby machines" as opposed to "specialist industrial machines", have a very limited depth, for example a pre-decimal penny at 9" - 12" and a sixpence at 6" would be good depths, on a top machine. This is in good soil conditions i.e. where mineral content is low, as minerals effect the depth capabilities of the detector.

Now we know what they will find, and assuming we own or can borrow a detector do we just dash out anywhere and start detecting? The answer is NO, before you can detect on any land permission is needed, ALL land is owned by someone be it a private person, M.O.D., Water boards, Government, etc., so if you wish to detect over a farmer's fields

firstly ask the farmer's permission. If permission is gained mark on a map which fields are his, and with a lot of luck and some skill coins and artefacts will be yours. In another article I hope to enlarge some more on my hobby till then if you have any queries, objects you want identified, or even a site for me to search!

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