

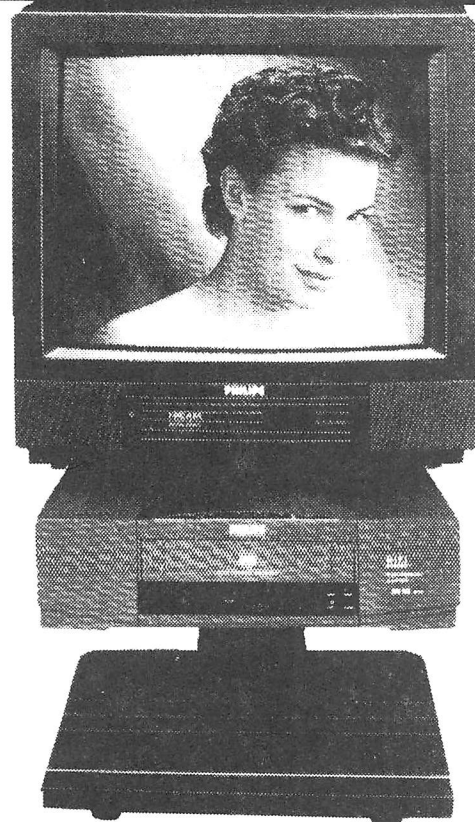
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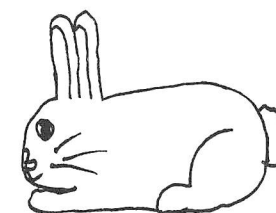
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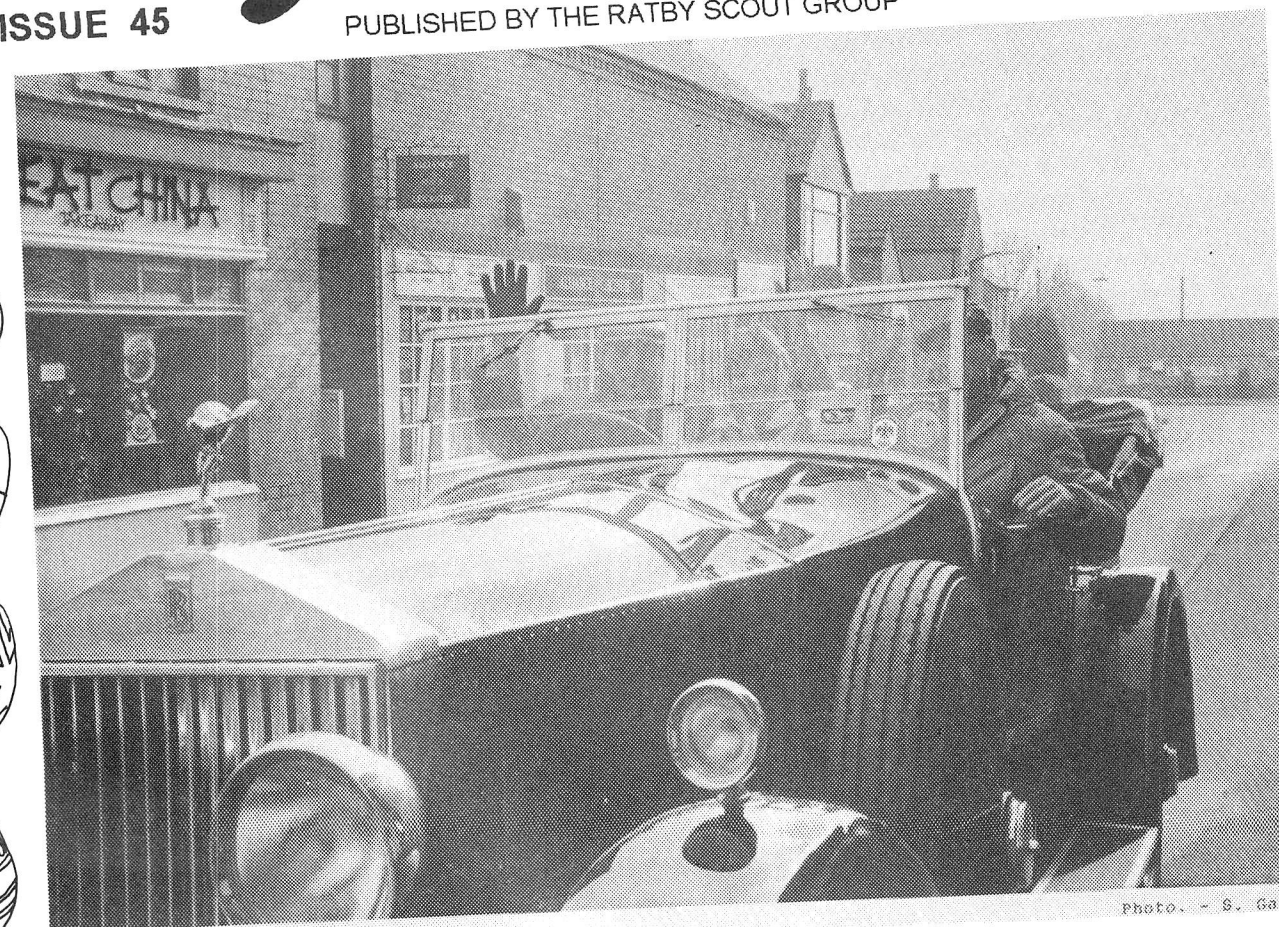


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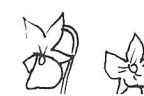
## Rolls to Retirement!

Dreams do come true! Mrs Aileen Newson of Main Street Ratby, had always wanted to ride in the vintage Rolls Royce owned by her employer, Mr. Charles Geary. She was completely bowled over when he took her for a surprise ride around Leicestershire to celebrate her retirement.

Mrs Newson had worked at Geary's Bakery for 33 years, and can remember the days when a loaf of bread cost only 9d!

The Rolls Royce delivered her to the Bulls Head in Ratby where she was expecting to enjoy a special lunch with some of her family. Instead she found more than forty work mates and relatives gathered to join in the celebration.

# Happy Easter







Collectomania goes on Show ....

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Leicestershire Museums, Arts and Records Service is one of 48 organisations taking part in an exciting nationwide summer festival entitled, "The People's Show". The show, which is the first of its kind in Leicestershire, will reveal the many weird and wonderful things local people collect and why.

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Do you have  
an interesting  
or unusual collection?  
Why not write or phone and  
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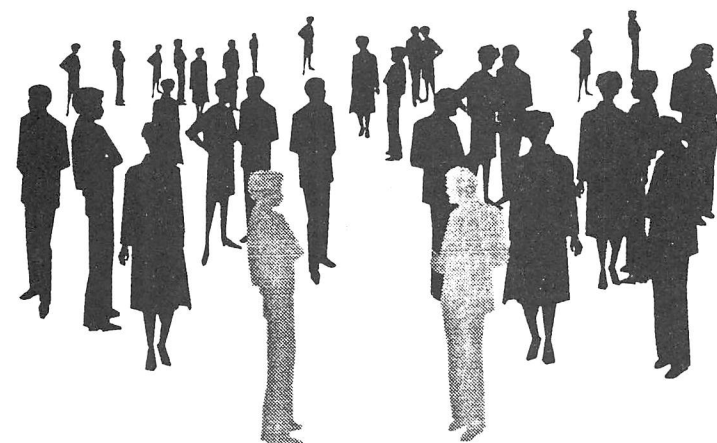
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## Copper's Corner



I received a good response to my neighbourhood watch advertisement in the December issue of "Wot". However, we still need further co-ordinators. I would be pleased to speak to any other interested people about the setting up of new schemes. Remember - there is very little work involved, there is no cost and it is for your benefit.

I can be contacted at Beaumont Police Station, tel. 530066.

### Cycling on Pavements

I have received a number of complaints from residents about students from Brookvale high School/Grobby Community College riding pedal cycles on pavements or along Chapel Lane/Church Lane, against the one way traffic flow. In the interests of safety please ensure that these practices cease.

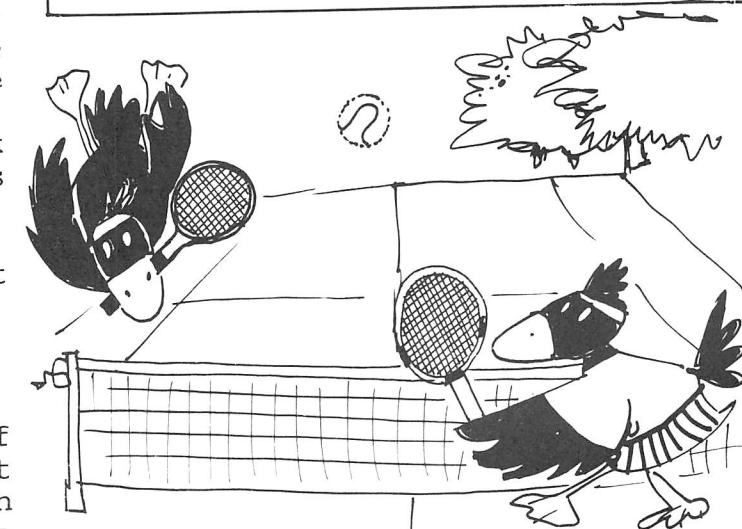
### Congregating Youths/Street Games

During my time in Ratby this problem has reduced significantly. However, with the lighter evenings fast approaching, I anticipate more youths on the streets. I will make my position clear in that I will not tolerate trouble from gangs of youths and I will deal with such situations firmly.

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If you enjoy tennis and would like to know more about what is involved then please come along to this free, no-obligation afternoon. Light refreshments will be provided and you will be able to meet club members. Kirby Forest is a friendly club which has ladies, mens, mixed and veterans league teams and which holds social events.

If you would like to come along or want to know more details, then please ring John Dewsbury on Leicester 354628 or Anne Freeman on Leicester 393418.

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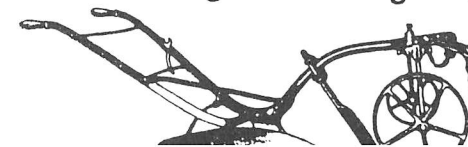
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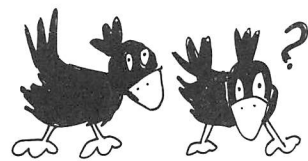
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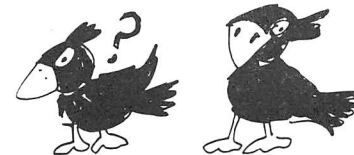
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NOPAL	A curry dish	A musical brass flute	A cactus
LIPP	A fish	An Arab cloak	Small flower in USA
ELEOT	Specie of Apple	A Spanish dance	Mediterranean Fruit
PURROCK	A Scottish sword	Small enclosure of land	A sea fish
SOUBRETTE	An Irish poem	A chamber maid	A small fancy dish
KILDERKIN	A child's doll	Measure of 18 gallons of Ale	East German puppet
DOTTARD	A Lens polisher	A small red fish	Decayed tree
DRACHM	Magicians Wand	Greek storybook	One teaspoonful
COLE RAPE	Forest fungus	The common turnip	A Turkish sweet
CECILS	Fried balls of rice	A game like chess	Sugar coated mints
BOKELET	A Norwegian love letter	A long winged Hawk	Purse made out of silk
AJURU	An American Parrot	Fish trap made of wood	A Chinese Lawyer
FUNDI	A collection of fees	Grain cultivated in West Africa	An Indian Juggler
HEDDLES	Small cakes made in Wales	Steps leading down to Crypt	Harness on a Loom
IRONSIDE	Part of an oven	19th Century Armoured Ship	One of Cromwell's Veterans
JOWLER	A hunting dog	Veil for the face	Clowns makeup
ERNE	Pot containing bones	A sea Eagle	Island North of Scotland
GENET	A small Spanish horse	Old type of spinning wheel	Narrow French alleyway
MERIONES	Room set aside for Whist	Materials for letter writing	American Jumping Mouse
NULLIPORE	Kind of marine plant	Blockage of skin vessels	Native Head-dress - Peru
OMBRE	Mexican Cattle Boss	Card game for three	Paint made from Resin
PALPEBROUS	Trembling notes in music	Soft mushy oatmeal	Having large eyebrows
QUERPO	Garment worn close to body	Spanish postman	Pot of aromatic herbs
TAPSTER	A drummer	Drawer of Ale	Motor Mechanic
DOOLIE	Covered litter made of bamboo	An Irish flute	A weather vane
WIMPLE	Covering round chin of Nun	Cake made for Easter	Small swelling on neck

Our thanks go to Les for yet another entertaining quiz

Answers on Page 23....

**B.T. KEYMER**

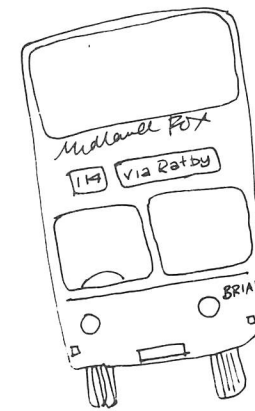
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Curiosity got the better of me - I had to investigate. A helpful man in the information office told me that the bus-naming was started for fun by the staff at the Southgates Garage. The buses are named after the staff!

ps. Just seen 'Jenny'!

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### Arbury Hall



Arbury Hall from a photograph.

Remember the Wot article about Arbury Hall? Readers who were also hooked on the BBC serialisation of George Eliot's "Middlemarch" may like to know of a link!

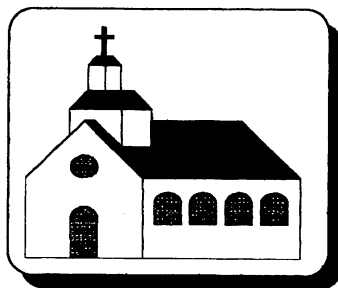
George Eliot, (Mary Anne Evans) lived at South Farm on the Arbury Hall Estate. Her father, Robert Evans, was the Estate Manager for the 7000 acres of land.

The Hall was built in the 1670's by Sir Richard Newdigate, using some designs by Christopher Wren.

When Newdigate died childless in 1806, the estate passed to his cousin Francis Parker of Kirk Hallam, Derbyshire. Robert Evans, his agent, came with him. Mary Anne was born in 1819.

Early memories of the countryside around Arbury Hall are recorded in her novels. Mary Anne often sat with her father as he drove around the





### Time for Change at Ratby Methodist Church

You might be forgiven for the mistaken belief that "Methodism" implies a slow and painstakingly methodical approach to change. This is definitely not the case at the Ratby Methodist Church. There are plenty of exciting times in store for the whole of the Community in Ratby as we prepare to embrace a significant change that is taking place within our church. Many of you will I am sure have some connection however vague with that funny old building that sits overlooking Geary's Bakery. Maybe you have attended a service, wedding or Christening, been part of the Sunday School, been in the scouts or brownies or was just a visitor who attended some entertaining function held in our old school premises. What ever your connection you will be aware that the Church premises are quite old, are in need of refurbishment and are just plain difficult to get into if you have even the smallest of disabilities.

Well we have plans to change all that. We intend to redevelop our main church building with the needs of the community very much in mind. We intend to convert the church into a multi-purpose building with easy access for all. This will require a significant financial investment and we have plans for a whole range of fund-raising and FUN-raising activities in which you can participate in the coming months. Yes you did read that correctly - it does say FUN-raising activities. There goes another myth about Methodism - we do intend to generate a lot of enjoyment for everyone as we begin to rebuild our church - or should I say your church for that's what we would like it to be. Would you like to know more? We are planning an open-day at the Church on **Saturday 16th April from 10.00am to 3.00pm**. Just pop in and we'll tell

Want to know more about the entertainment planned? Keep a watch on our notice boards. Want to help? Come along to our launch service on **Sunday 17th April at 10.00am** - you don't have to be a Methodist to get in - OOPs there goes another myth!



Ken Charlesworth.  
Ratby Methodist Church.



## LETTERS

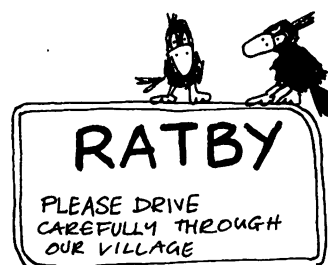
### Golden Friends

As I wonder back into Ratby from Groby, Desford, Markfield or Kirby Muxloe what a pleasant surprise to be greeted under the Ratby signs, by a host of daffodils fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

And then my heart with pleasure fills and dances with those daffodils.

Well done and thanks to Ratby Parish Council and the Village Society for planting them.

Sylvia Gant



Dear Editor,

My feathers are getting ruffled by all this squawking about by-passes. My mate and I can't wait for the diggers to churn up the worms and animals for our dinners.

We look forward to patrolling the hard shoulder for fast food.

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## Editorial

It's Spring! Why not include your pockets in the annual spring clean, and give all that loose change to some of the worthwhile causes in this issue!

Turn to page 18 and read about two enterprising young Ratby people, or read about the ambitious plans to develop the Ratby Methodist Chapel on page 9. The development committee have come up with some unusual and creative fund-raising ideas. See page 16 for information.

If you prefer your donations to include a chance of winning for yourself, then why not get on the telephone quickly and respond to Ratby School Association's offer of a number in the 200 club? You can find out about it on page 10.

Finally, there is always a chance to get some new pockets at the Scouts



Rummage Sale on Saturday April 16 (see page 3).

Once again we bring you news and views from around the village.

Once again we ask for your stories, photographs and news!

Does anyone have any photographs or stories to tell about the Methodist Chapel for a future issue? Apparently the Methodist Church moved to the School Rooms on Chapel Lane in 1895, 99 years ago! Does anyone now what happened to the Ratby Baptist Church? We've read somewhere that they started in 1760 at Ratby.

Why not write and tell us what you think about 'Wot'? Which articles do you most enjoy, or is there anything you'd like to read about? Send your letters to Martin at 35 Danehill.

## A Letter from the Vicar - Michael Hardy

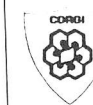
Clergy are placed in communities to serve the whole Parish, not just those who come to Church, so I like to visit many of the village groups and organisations to make myself known. In addition, having worked in commerce and industry for most of my life, I would very much like to have the chance to call in on the various work places here in Ratby so that I become acquainted with the whole of the village, its home, industrial, social and church life.

I shall be doing that not just as an individual but as part of a team of clergy and lay people, for I am a firm believer in team work, where a group of people use their individual and joint skills and training to perform their job more effectively. The team in Ratby and Groby consists of Tony and Susan Leighton who live in Groby, together with Stephen Howe the lay reader based in Groby. We have been placed here by the Bishop to be part of the whole of these villages.

We have only been here a few weeks but already feel very settled, and are grateful for the warm welcome Audrey and I have received and look forward to getting to know you better.

Yours,

Michael Hardy

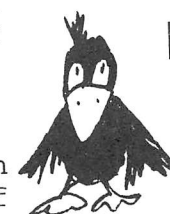


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## Dear Wot! Readers, 200 Club

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A years membership costs £6.00 and is collected at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

At the moment there are a few unused numbers. If you would like to support the School by becoming a member, or would like further information, please contact Margaret Robson on 386398.

This year the Association is raising money to improve the School playgrounds with seating and play equipment.

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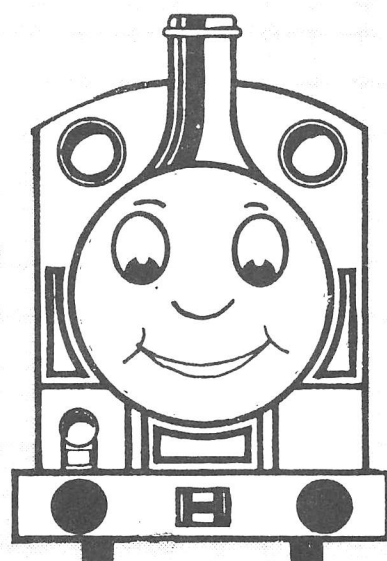
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District Unitary Authorities would result in fragmentation of services and considerable expense.

### Footpaths R40 and R51 across the A46 Leicester Western Bypass

Local Parish Councils and M.P.'s David Tredinnick and Andrew Robathan are disappointed by the news that the Department of Transport do not intend to provide footbridges on these routes. The Minister of Transport had concluded that the expenditure could not be justified. The sketch plan opposite shows their proposed 'circular route'.

Andrew Robathan has suggested that local representatives should visit the minister. Further details awaited!

### Traffic Calming



The Parish Council has written to Leicestershire County Council to support resident's requests for traffic calming on Tyler Road.

The reply has confirmed earlier responses to the Parish Council from Cawrey Ltd. The design of the road with a T-junction is intended to slow traffic. Other measures to reduce speed would be prohibitively expensive.

The Parish Council has also written in support of traffic calming measures outside Brookvale High School and Groby College, where accidents have recently occurred.

### Car Crime

Over 50% of reported crime in the village is related to cars:- theft of or from cars, and damage to cars!!

### Bridleway between Ratby and Glenfield

Representatives from the Parish Council were joined by Horace Gamble from the Village Society for a meeting at County Hall. The meeting was informative, and several concerns were addressed. We now await the results of an Inspector's Inquiry.

**Watch this space!!**

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## Ratby Parish Council



### More about Buses

The Parish Council has written to the County Council to express concerns of local people about the irregularity of bus services. We welcome any evidence, with dates of difficulties travellers have encountered.

### 254 Coalville to Ratby Bus

Did you know that this service, with timetable changes, will be operated by Midland Fox from March 26?

This means that there is no alternative company running buses to Ratby now. Anyone who travels regularly by bus and makes use of a Leicester City Bus pass for other city journeys will have problems.

Why not write to the County Council and propose a scheme for a bus pass permitting travel with any company in the county? Other countries have managed to do this.

### Speed Checks

Police speed traps will be in operation on Markfield Road and Sacheverell Way.

### Spring Front Gardens

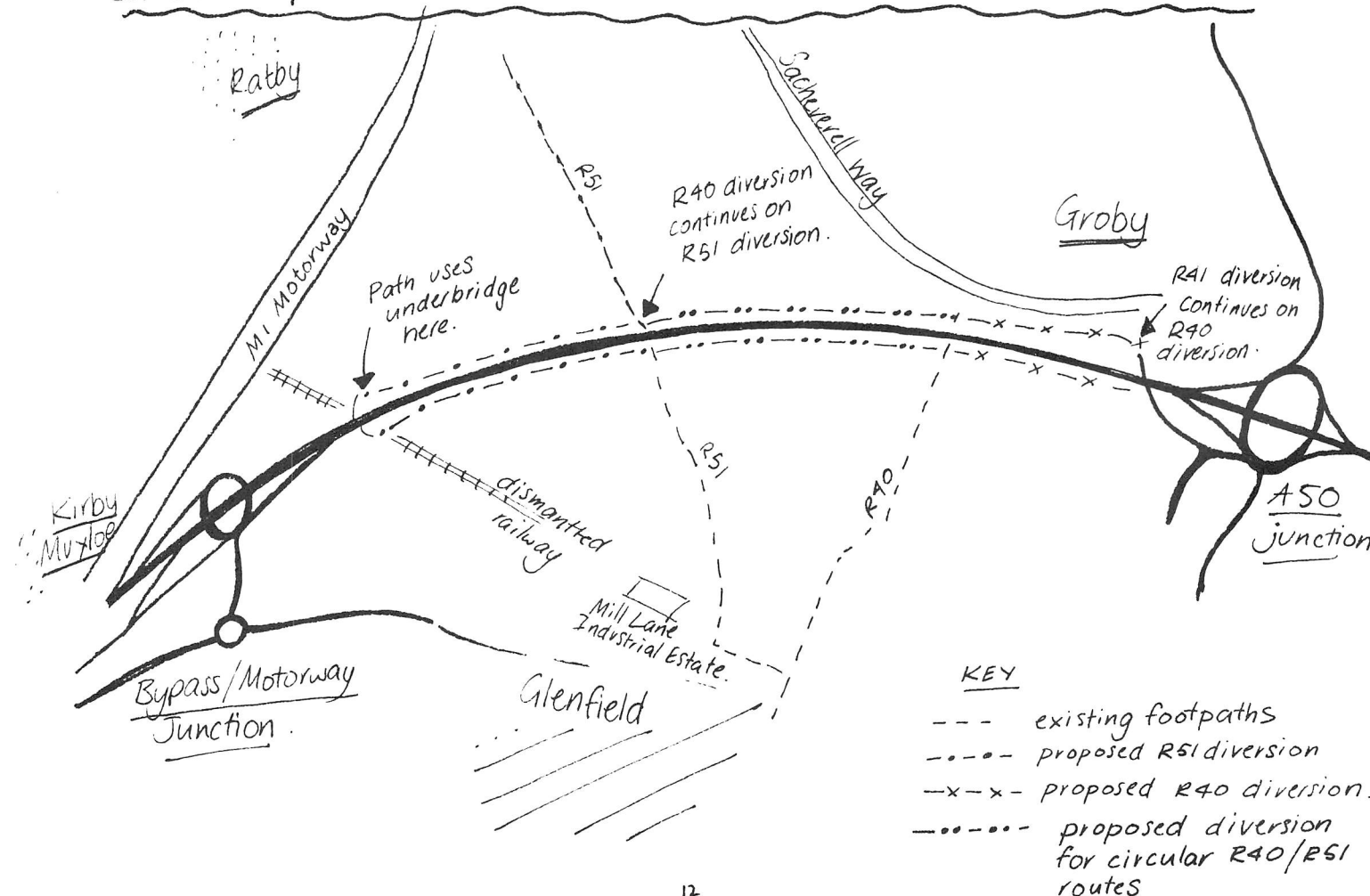
Just a reminder that judging will be taking place in the week beginning April 11th. So get out there with your spades and trowels!

### Local Government Review

Ratby Parish Council has voted to maintain the status quo. After careful consideration the Council felt that the present system should be most cost effective, provided there could be a greater degree of co-operation and consultation at all levels, Parish, District and County.

There were concerns about the possible misuse of power if one unitary authority were created, and the alternative proposal to set up

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# EASTER

## Crow Pie

Childrens  
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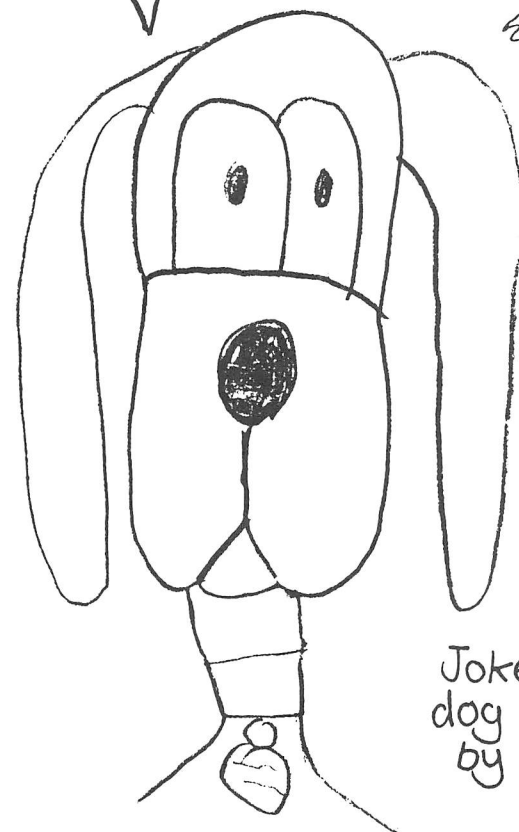


Which chickens eggs  
have hatched!



'Why did the  
Hedgehog cross the  
road?'

'To see his  
Flatmate!'



'Doctor Doctor,  
I feel like a  
pack of cards!'

'Well Shuffle  
yourself  
then.'

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## 70's Disco

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this function, a thoroughly  
enjoyable time was had by all.

Prizes were awarded for "best  
outfit". Lesley Chevin won the "best  
female outfit" - 'peace man!'. Andy  
Jewitt won the "best male outfit".  
What wonderful collar points!. A  
prize was also given to Michelle  
Shipley's daughter, Samantha, in her  
pseudo 70's costume.

Even the disc jockey entered into  
the spirit of things, dressed in  
patchwork shirt, blue velvet jacket,  
24" wide cream flares and platform  
shoes with 6" heels and 4"  
platforms.

Diane Spencer looked very fetching  
in a halter-neck mini dress and gold  
lurex tights!

The event raised £40 which will be  
used for the Church Rooms  
Refurbishment - artex, paint and  
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# Ratby Library



We've heard that there will be Summer Activities for children in the Library once more!

There are plans for a collection of new children's books in the Autumn.

More news in the June issue of Wot!

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Millions of tons of harmful gases and particles are released into the air each year, and some of it reaches our lungs. One in every five people is particularly at risk: - very young children, the elderly, people suffering from asthma, bronchitis and emphysema, and those with heart disease.

### What causes the pollution?

Smoke particles from traffic and coal-burning power stations carry cancer - causing chemicals.

Nitrogen dioxide is produced when fuel is burnt in cars and power stations. It irritates the lining of our lungs. Diesel vehicles produce more smoke.

Ozone is caused when traffic pollutants combine in bright sunshine. Ozone stings eyes, nose and throat, and can cause headaches. It irritates the lungs and causes chest pain and coughing.

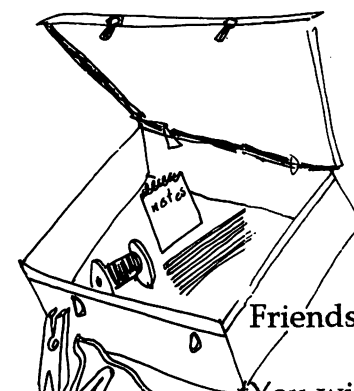
Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas from exhaust fumes. It affects the ability of blood to carry oxygen in the body, a risk for those with heart disease. It may also retards the growth and development of unborn children. Cigarette smoke is a source of carbon monoxide.

Lead from petrol accounts for 80% of levels in the air. It threatens the development of children.

Acid air occurs when Sulphur Dioxide and Nitrogen Dioxide are changed into acids. It can be breathed into the lungs, causing coughing and wheezing.

### What can we do about it?

- \* Leave your car at home whenever possible! Use unleaded petrol for those essential journeys, and fit a catalytic converter.
- \* Use public transport when you can. Another good reason to fight for better bus services.
- \* Buy a bike or walk those short



Friends

You will now be aware of ambitious and expensive plans to make our premises more versatile, economical and most importantly, more accessible at ground level to Methodists and community alike.

We shall have many fund-raising ideas seeking a response but offer the above as one which may appeal, in particular, to friends in the community who might wish us well but for a hundred reasons may find difficulty in supporting other projects.

Older Ratby residents will remember our own Jacky Sharp's doorstep vending style of the late 30's. We offer a similar suitcase full of things you can't possibly live without, or at least can never find when you want 'em, at your doorstep, but only at your own request.

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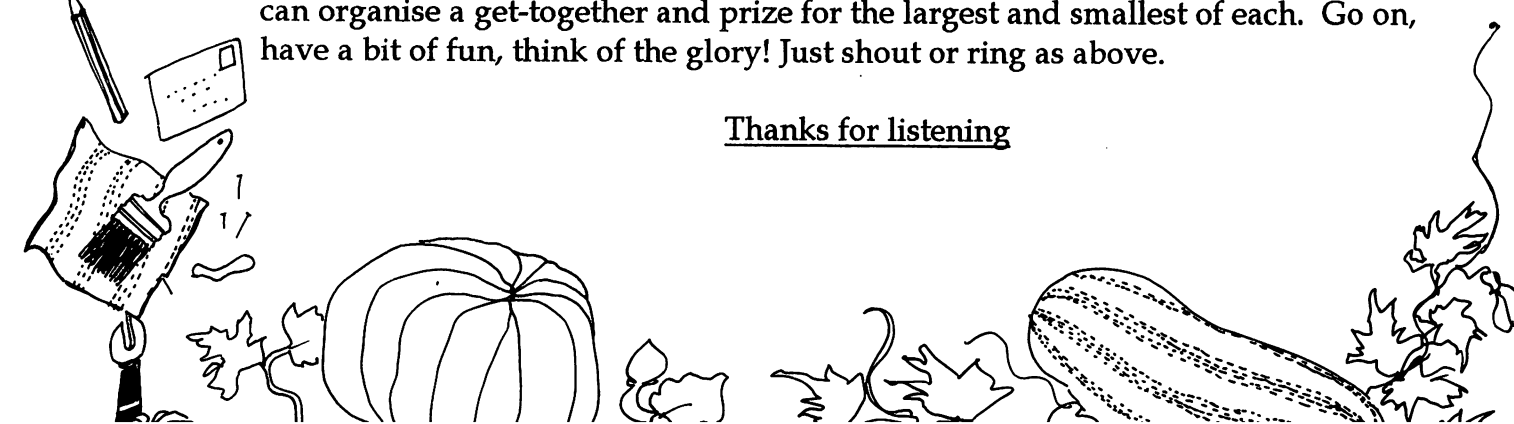
Doorstep calls will be made on invitation only  
so if we can interest you, do please send a message of ring  
Den Green 386437

or

### Pumpkin and Marrow Contest

Is there anyone out there, man, woman or child, who would dare to enter this competition? If so, would you care to donate a pound coin, in exchange for a good sturdy plant to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, till September, when we can organise a get-together and prize for the largest and smallest of each. Go on, have a bit of fun, think of the glory! Just shout or ring as above.

Thanks for listening





## Spring Fayre

The 'Spring Fayre' was held on Saturday 12th March in the Church Rooms.

Reverend Hardy and his wife attended the fayre.

All proceeds are to go to the annual Sunday School trip.

## Musical Evening

On Wednesday 23rd March, Brookvale High School held a 'Musical Evening'.

The hall was packed for a variety of performances, including some excellent solos.

Free refreshments were served in the interval.



## North to Alaska

Andrew Clarke of Danehill has been selected from 200 nation-wide applicants to take part in an annual expedition.

This year the group will follow the Gold Rush trail of 1849 from Los Angeles to Alaska, travelling in a variety of ways, flying, busing and walking between camp sites, with help from the Army. The journey will last 27 days, from 5th July to August 2nd. In August there are just 20 minutes of darkness in Alaska - so let's hope they won't be too tired!

The expedition is being organised by the 'Jolt' (Journey of a Lifetime Trust). The charity was set up to give disabled or disadvantaged youngsters a challenging adventure. The Trust's patron is the well known explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes. Previous expeditions have included journeys through the Australian Outback, South America and along the Silk Road to Islamabad.

Andrew's school and Ratby Scout Group sent CV's listing Andrew's achievements. 60 students from the original 200 were interviewed at Harrow School. On the day of the interview, Andrew, and his father Paul Clarke were amazed at the sight of top-hatted Harrow School boys walking 4 deep for a mile from the School!

A panel of 6 people from all walks of life, including a T.V. celebrity interviewed the students. Andrew was one of the final 23 chosen for the adventure.

He has to raise £500 in sponsorship for the trip, and has already made a good start.

Contributions welcome from Ratby people!

Congratulations to Andrew and best wishes for the trip!

We look forward to printing an account of his adventure in a future issue!

## East to Siret

Sarah Mellor, of 13 Nicholas Drive is heading for Rumania with two fellow university students this summer. They plan to spend their holiday working in the Children's Home featured in Anneka Rice's T.V. Challenge.

Sarah is nearing the end of her second year of a BSc Nursing Course in Birmingham, and has just four weeks holiday for the trip. She will live with a Romanian family, experiencing their food shortages and daily ration of 2 hours water supply! The orphanage is close to the Ukrainian border, 80 miles from Chernobyl and is home to 500 children and young people between the ages of 3 and 26. Some of the young people, who are physically or mentally handicapped live in, others are brought in daily for education and physiotherapy.

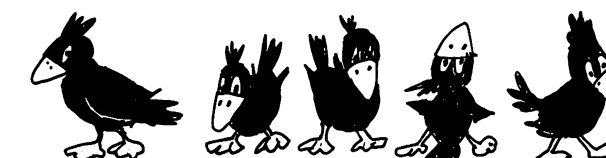
Sarah will be working on the 4th floor of the building, and will need to be physically fit for the regular trips down to the playrooms on the ground floor.

Her caring skills will be invaluable in this work with children who previous lack of stimulation has impaired their development. Most of us will remember the film footage from the television programme showing children rocking or lying in bare cots.

Sarah needs to raise £250-£300 for the journey to Rumania. Her mum, Lyn, has embarked on an eight weeks sponsored slim to help her, and is also planning a Barn Dance. So we can all help Sarah to help these Romanian children too! Sponsors and dances needed!

Sarah's visit is being organised by the Christian Charity "Jacob's Well", which works with Romanian Challenge to run the home. The charity has a motto taken from John 4, verse 14:-

"Whoever drinks the water that I give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring which will provide him with life-giving water and give him eternal life".



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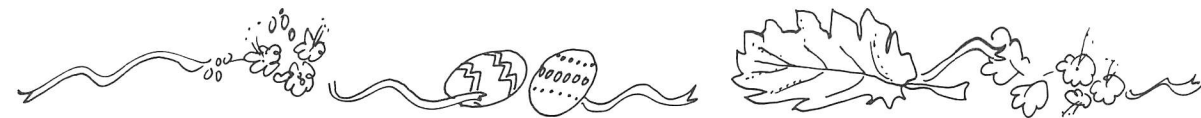
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And washes in the dew from the hawthorn tree  
Will ever after handsome be".

In some areas May 1st was known as Garland Day. Garlands were made from spring flowers tied to a stick with ribbons hanging down. Some had dolls tied into them.



"The first of May is  
Garland Day So please  
remember the Garland.  
We don't come here  
but once a year.  
So please remember  
garland day."

May Day was a time for Maypole dancing. The May Queen was crowned, and in some places "Jack in the Green", represented Summer.

We have already written about May 29th, Oak Apple Day. In Aston on Clun in Shropshire this day was also known as Arbor Tree Day. A tree in the centre of the village was decorated with flag which stayed in place for the whole year. Tradition says that the Lord of the Manor got married on May 29th, and the villagers decorated the tree to celebrate. The bride gave the villagers money to continue the tradition.

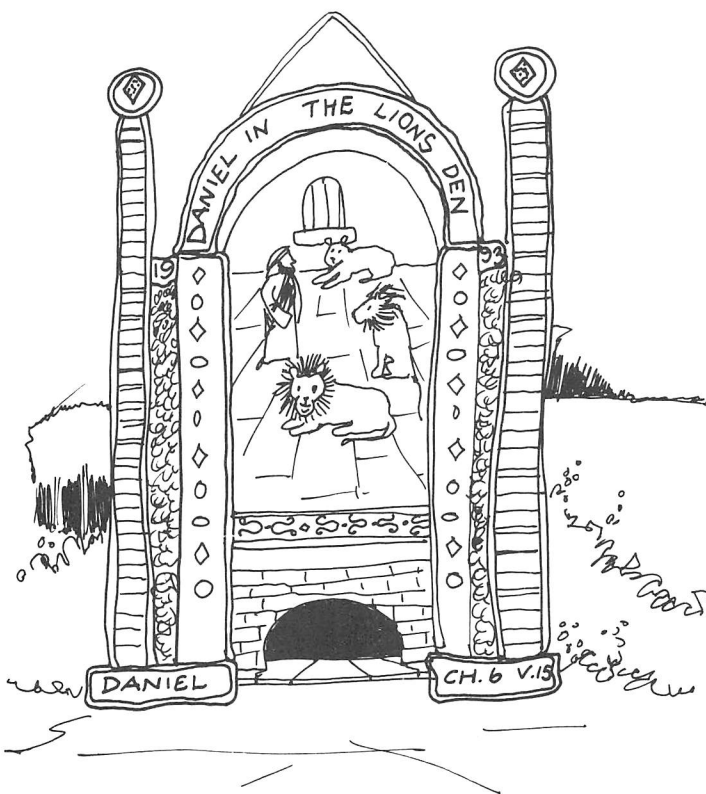
Spring was traditionally the time for well-dressing in Derbyshire.

Villagers press wet clay onto the specially shaped boards, which have usually been soaked thoroughly in the village pond! Then flower petals, alder cones, seeds, and

you have never seen a well-dressing, why not go and see this year?

Several villages dress their wells in May - Tissington, Ashford in the Water, and Wirksworth, for example. Others dress their wells in June, Youghreave, Rowsley and Bakewell.

Well dressing is now a popular tourist attraction. Leaflets with dates of dressings and demonstrations can be found in Leicester Information Centres and libraries.



## Easter Activities

Easter activities were organised for the village children at the Church Rooms.

The theme this year was the gospel story, told by the woodland folk of Captain Beaky and his band.

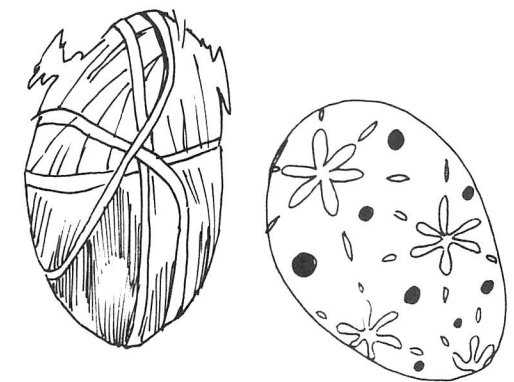
# Spring Customs



## Decorating Eggs

You can colour eggs in a variety of different ways. Try adding food colours to the water they are boiled in.

Or cover your egg with onion skins fastened with string or elastic bands in a criss-cross pattern. Then boil them. This produces a marbled pattern in natural brown shades.



## May Day

First thing in the morning young girls used to rush out into the garden to wash their faces in May dew. It was supposed to have magic properties:-

"A maid who on the first day of May  
Goes to the fields at break of day

April the First is of course 'April Fools Day'. Don't forget that you must play your tricks before midday - after that the joke is on you!

"April Fool's past and gone,  
You're the fool and I am none."

In France it is called "un poisson d'Avril", and in Scotland a 'gowk' (cuckoo).

The origin of the tradition is unclear.

On April 6th there used to be candle auctions. A candle was lit, and a pin stuck in about 2½ cm from the top. People would start bidding for a piece of Church land to be let to poor people for the year. Whoever was bidding when the pin dropped became the owner of the land. A fund raising idea here?



There are many traditions associated with Easter. Good Friday is the day to eat Hot Cross buns. Buns baked on Good Friday were thought to last a year before going mouldy. Some people believed that hardened old hot cross buns could protect a house from fire! We don't recommend it! Sailors were supposedly saved from shipwreck by taking one to sea!

Good Friday was traditionally a good day to plant potatoes, because the Devil was supposed to have no power over the Earth on that day.

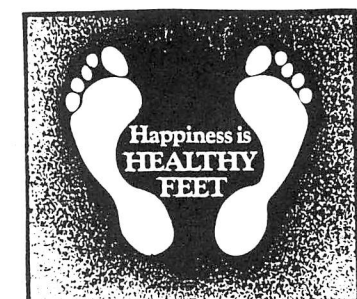
Eggs are associated with Easter for two main reasons.

On Shrove Tuesday, all eggs were used up for pancake making before Lent, when no eggs would be eaten. You had to be leaving so that by

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# SCRIPTS FROM THE CEMETERY

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Has anyone anymore?

*Newby Bridge*

*Here Lies*

*John James Cook of Newby*

*Who was a faithful servant to his master, and an upright, downright honest man.*

*Woolwich*

*Sacred to the Memory of*

*Major James Brush*

*Who was killed by the accidental discharge of a pistol by his orderly.*

*14th April 1831*

*Well done thou good and faithful servant.*

*Bolsover, Derbyshire*

*Here Lies*

*In horizontal position, the outside case of*

*Thomas Hinde*

*Clock and Watchmaker*

*Who departed this life, wound up in hope of being taken in hand by his maker, and being thoroughly cleaned and repaired and set a-going in the world to come.*

*15th August 1836*

## Answers to Which is the right one?

LYAM	-	C	✿
✿ NOPAL	-	C	A
LIPP	-	A	✿
✿ ELEOT	-	A	✿
PURROCK	-	B	✿
✿ SOUBRETTE	-	B	✿
KILDERKIN	-	B	✿
✿ DOTTARD	-	C	✿
✿ DRACHM	-	C	✿
✿ COLE RAPE	-	B	✿
✿ CECILS	-	A	✿
✿ BOKELET	-	B	✿
✿ AJURU	-	A	✿
✿ FUNDI	-	B	✿
✿ HEDDLES	-	C	✿
✿ IRONSIDE	-	C	✿
✿ JOWLER	-	A	✿
✿ ERNE	-	B	✿
✿ GENET	-	A	✿
✿ MERIONES	-	C	✿
✿ NULLIPORE	-	A	✿
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✿ PALPEBROUS	-	C	✿
✿ QUERPO	-	A	✿



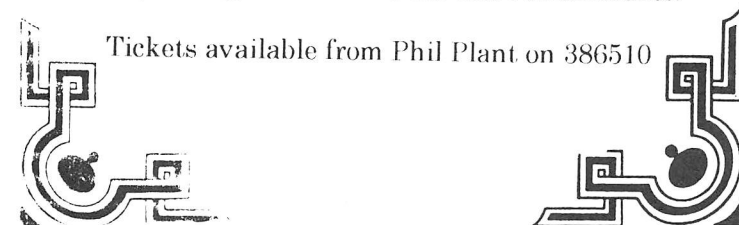
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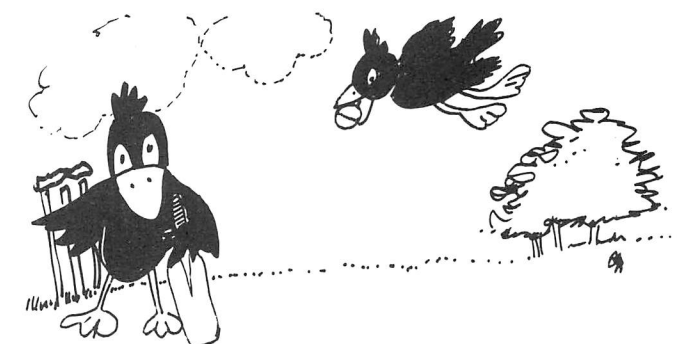
# TEN NOT OUT!

Ratby Sports Club celebrated the  
tenth anniversary of the club  
building on February 11th. Over 100  
members and guests enjoyed an  
evening of music from local band  
"Brandy".

John Coulton, Chairman of the  
Committee welcomed everyone, and a  
special cake decorated with the  
club's crow logo was cut and shared  
out. Local artist Mr Borthwick had  
painted the water colour of the  
Sports Ground and donated it to the  
raffle which raised £125 for club  
funds.

Money is currently being raised to  
complete the extensive development  
which began in 1986. Other fund  
raising events have included a  
sponsored duck race, dances and  
rummage sales.

It is hoped that the new football  
pitches will be ready for play in  
1995.



Founder Members

Do you know or did you know anyone  
in the photograph.

Meeting of Ratby Sports Club members