

WOT!

About Ratby

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WATER...WATER..

WATER HARVESTING SCHEME

In 2006 Ratby Parish Council provided enough ground for 8 half size allotment plots. The mains water supply was 150 yards away and it would have cost £3000 + to install a tap on the allotment: not cost effective.

Our secretary suggested we harvest the water from the adjacent building. Permission was

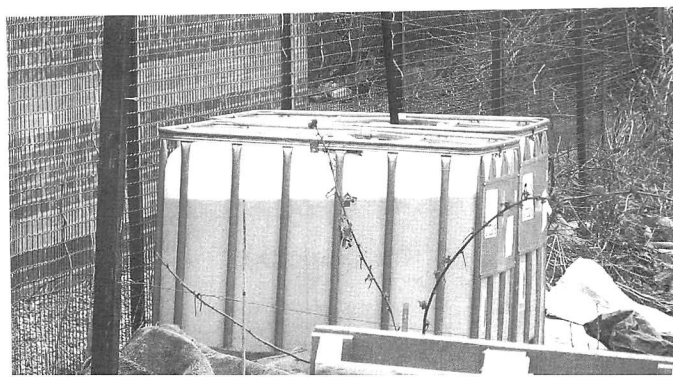
sought and readily given. We applied to *EDN*

Central Networks for a grant to do this work, and the system was put in place. Water comes from the roof via a diverter into the interconnected storage tanks, and can then be pumped to the other end of the plot.

The remainder of the grant award will be used to create 4 deep raised beds on a slabbed area for wheel chair users. The area for this has been designated. Slabs no longer needed in upgraded pathways were donated by the Parish Church.

Roy Holloway
On behalf of the Ratby Allotments Association.

The photo shows the storage tanks in situ.



WATER AID RATBY METHODIST CHURCH

Ratby Methodist Church has always been a caring church that reaches out to those in need in the local community. It is also aware of the needs of the wider world in which we live, supporting charities further afield.

For the Methodist year (Sept 2007 to Aug 2008) a specific charity has been chosen – **WaterAid**.

So many millions of people are deprived of this life-sustaining essential. We turn on a tap to receive fresh drinking water while others have to **walk 5 miles or more to the nearest water source**. In many countries children are responsible for drawing and carrying the family's water.

There is so much that could be written about these situations but space does not allow for that. However, one heart-rending fact is that **5,000 children die every day** from diarrhoea caused by poor sanitation and unsafe water.

Members and friends of the Methodist Church have been collecting their pennies throughout Lent to add to their Advent appeal. Their target for the year is £750 – enough to construct a hand-dug well and fit a hand pump, providing water for up to 200 people.

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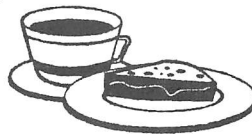
WaterAid continued....

This year, there will also be two major events in support of WaterAid to which EVERYONE is invited.



Beetle Drive
Wednesday 14th May
2.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Ratby Ritz Afternoon Tea
Thursday 10th July
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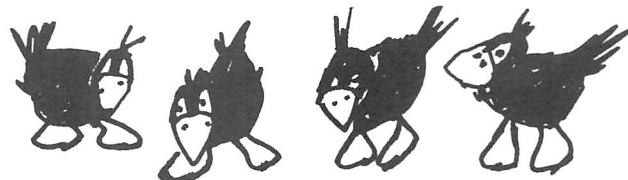
You will find us behind the Community Centre in the village.

Pop in and say hello to any member on any afternoon from mid April onwards and you will be warmly received.

Or give us a call on **01455 823 736**

We are holding an Open Day on Wednesday May 14th, 2 pm until dusk.

Coaching and loan of bowls etc. are available.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid is an organisation that helps people in any kind of need - of all faiths and of none. It deals with local organisations on the ground - not governments

This years Christian Aid Week is from the 11th - 17th May and in the previous years Ratby has done it's bit well in helping it's fellow man and relieving the suffering in the world. The two Churches in Ratby combine to provide volunteer collectors however Ratby grows bigger and we desperately need more helpers so if you think you could help with collecting or need more information please call Margaret Fee on **239 2352**

This year when that familiar little red envelope comes through the door please don't ignore it - do your bit. When the person comes to collect it - be nice - they are doing their bit and more. Then - feel good because you have helped your fellow man.

SPRING IN RATBY



Thanks to Nikki Prince for sending in this photo of the bluebells in Burroughs Wood. Black and white just can't show them in all their glory, but we are printing the picture to encourage everyone to walk down and admire

THE LADIES CIRCLE

The Ladies Circle at the Methodist Church meet on the first Monday evening of each month at 7.30.

The programme for the rest of the year is as follows:-

April 7th	Beetle Drive
May 6th	Treasure Hunt
June 3rd	'Memories are made of this'
July 7th	Sports Night - don't be alarmed it will probably be who collapses in laughter first than who reaches the finishing line.
August 4th	Missions Coffee Evening
September 1st	Skittles at the Bulls Head
October 6th	Final Preparation for the Forties Night
November 3rd	Christmas Table Decorations
December 1st	Christmas Meal Outing

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Looking Ahead to Summer in the Vicarage Garden

Everyone in the village is very warmly invited to the vicarage garden (15 Groby Road) for the annual garden fete on Saturday 21st June from 2pm. This year we're having a travel theme as we remember the world's first travel agent, Thomas Cook, from Leicester; also we're hoping to have part of the village design statement displays from the Ratby village walks being organised through the spring. And as usual you'll find the Ratby Co-operative Brass Band, 2B Dance productions, teagardens, stalls and games, crockery smash, hot dogs, ice creams and races (to burn off the energy!). Come and join in the fun!

RATBY PARISH PLAN DOG WASTE CAMPAIGN

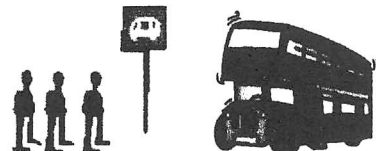
7th April-28th June
and at Crow Pie Carnival 30th August

Thank you to every dog owner who clears up responsibly after their pet. We continue to be grateful for this.

- Look out for a variety of events being held around the village, including poster competitions and displays.
- Free poop bags and leaflets will be available to dog owners
- New spray on pavement signs to be positioned around the village.
- Village walks by dog and neighbourhood wardens will take place.

For further details contact:
Councillor Ken Hunnybun
4 Spring Close
Ratby
238 8354

The X1 Limited Stop, running several minutes later than before and going directly to bus station, no longer dropping off on High Street. The 27 is every 15 minutes now. Do you think of the recent timetable changes to our bus services? Let us know your views.



MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS IN RATBY 1972

The photographs show May Day activities at Ratby School. Pictured is the May Queen, Annette Haywood with her attendants, and children dancing around the Maypole. This was once a familiar sight at the playground brightened by flowering cherry trees, and the sun shining.

Thank you to Joyce and Jack Haywood for copying the photos and sending them in for publication. Perhaps it will trigger more memories...maybe you are in the photographs! Please let us know! We always want to hear your memories.



RATBY COMMUNITY ORCHARD

10th Anniversary of the Orchard

We are planning a variety of events to celebrate our 10th Year.

Orchard Picnic..May 11th from 4-6 pm.

Come along and join us in the Orchard on Taverner Drive for a Picnic. Bring your own picnic and seats...and enjoy the blossom...and hopefully fine weather! (we won't be there if it's raining!) **All welcome**

Annual Pond Dipping

7 pm August 6th.

Turn up in your wellies, with big plastic tubs and fishing nets to discover what is in the pond this year. Some nets and tubs provided.

Apple Day

Sunday October 5th....an extra special event this year....Come and join us.

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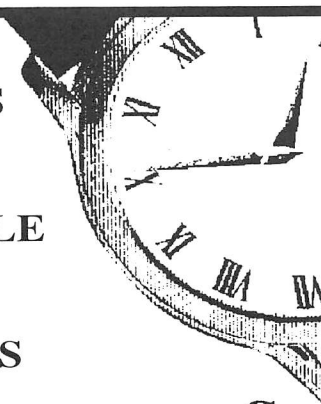
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'DOWN TO EARTH' in the Church

On Thursday evening, April 17th there will be a recording of the popular Radio Leicester gardening programme, 'Down to Earth' in Ratby Church.

Come along and support us; admission is free. There will be a retiring collection and a raffle to cover costs.

If you would like to submit a question to the panel, please write it out legibly on a single piece of paper and send it to D Willis, 31 Chapel Lane, Ratby.

The producer will place questions in order on the night, and return your paper to you. You will be asked to sit on the front row!

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VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT 2008

The Village Design Statement (VDS) is a supplementary planning document which is taken into consideration on planning applications, and which sets out clear and simple guidance for the design of any future development in Ratby, based on its character, history and surrounding countryside.

It is important that it represents the views of the village as a whole, so the team behind it **warmly welcomes all residents** to join in with the programme of events, and let us know what you like about Ratby, and how you would like to project and protect its unique character. Any photos taken will be exhibited on Saturday June 21st at the Church Garden Fete, and Saturday June 28th at the Primary School Fete.

Programme of Walkabouts.
All walks start at 2 pm.

Sunday March 30th

Meet at the Motorway Bridge, Groby Road, for a whole village Walkabout with Barry Whirrity, the Conservation Officer from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, who will teach us how to really look at the features in our village, and how best to record them on future walks.

Sunday April 6th. Zone C

The conservation area. Meet outside the Parish Church in Church Lane.

Sunday April 13th. Zone D

Taverner Drive and Cawrey Estate. Meet on the corner of Nicholas Drive and Ferndale Drive. Parking available on nearby Field Lane.

Sunday April 20th. Zone B

Station Road and Surrounding area Meet outside the Sports and Social Club on Desford Lane corner.

Sunday April 27th. Zone A

Markfield Road, Stamford Street and Charnwood Estate. Meet on the junction of Markfield Road and Groby Road.

Disclaimer. Anyone taking part in any of the VDS walks does so entirely at their own risk, and the organisers and steering committee accept no liability for any damage, injury or personal loss to attendees or their property.

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