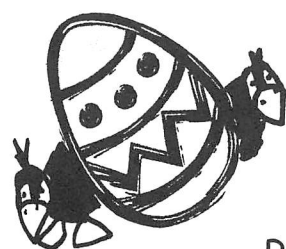


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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

At the last meeting, Dr. Margaret Bonney gave a fascinating talk about "Prisoners of War in Leicestershire: 1943-48", a full account of which is displayed on the Local History Notice Board in the Library.

After the interval, Francis and Arnold Geary described scenes from their boyhood when they saw POWs working in Ratby. They recalled how the Italians had a liking for sardines dipped in jam! On one occasion they saw a rather portly sentry hand his rifle to one of the prisoners while he struggled to get over a barbwire fence!!

Many Ratby people developed strong friendships with the POWs, tinged with guilt because their relatives were still fighting on the continent. These relationships sometimes led to marriage.

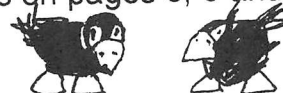
One group of POWs presented their foreman, Edgar Powell of Ratby, with a booklet of cartoons, including photographs and autographs.



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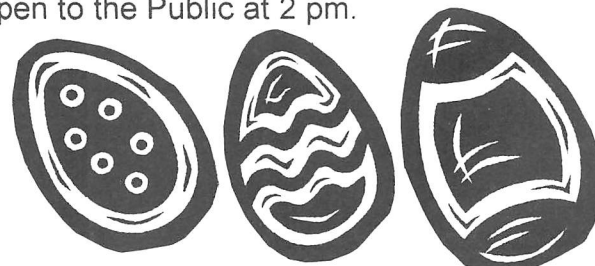
RATBY VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall,
Main Street, Ratby at 8pm. All welcome.

Tuesday 19th April- 'Help, my leg's fallen off'
David Bolton delivers a talk with slides on his
hair-raising adventures whilst sailing Tall Ships
for the disabled, from Southampton to
Zeebrugge.

Tuesday 17th May- This is everyone's
favourite. Andy Cereseto talks to three local
people, getting to know a little more about their
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Saturday 13th August- Ratby's Annual Village
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RATBY OLD BOYS

Many thanks to Sid and Ann Jordan for filling in
some of the names in the photograph of Ratby
Old Boys that we featured in our last issue.
Here's the photo again with some names
appended.

Back Row, from left:

- 1 W S Baker
- 2 ? Bishop
- 3 Bradley Moore
- 4 Ken Sutton
- 5 ?
- 6 Tommy Hunt
- 7 Dick James

Middle Row, from left:

- 1 ?
- 2 ?
- 3 ?
- 4 Chris Tomlinson
- 5 Wilf Taylor

Front Row, from left:

- 1 Cyril Lissaman
- 2 ? Marvin
- 3 ?

RATBY OLD BOYS

From the photograph of the football team in the last
issue we have received some possible names. Can
these be confirmed?

Back row gentleman in the suit on the left a Mr
Jordan, on the goalie's left Jackie Herbert.
Front row sitting on the floor on the left another
Jordan?



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Church is celebrating its centenary year. The
foundation stone was laid in March 1911 and
the church completed in October 1911.
Because of this we are marking the occasion
from March until October and are denoting it in
three ways.

The first theme for March and April is:
'Reflecting.'

On April 3rd at 10am, Mothering Sunday, Claire
Bell will be taking the service.

We will be holding an exhibition of photographs
and memorabilia reflecting the past 100 years
from Saturday 16th April, 10am to 4pm. There
will be light lunches available and
refreshments. The exhibition continues on the
Sunday from 2pm to 4pm and includes
refreshments.

At the 10am service on Sunday, 17th April the
Rev Trevor Grewcock will be preaching (Trevor
is from Ratby and attended our Church)

Through the months of May, June, and July the
theme will be:

'Re-affirming,' with the Rev Douglas Brewer
preaching on Sunday 15th May at 10am.

On Wednesday 18th May from 3pm to 5pm we
are having a very tasty, 'cakes through the 100
years'. Ignore your diets and come and have a
piece of cake with tea or coffee.

In August, September and October the theme
will be (I expect that you have guessed it):

'Re-dedication.'

More about what is going on then will be put in
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Your generosity in time and money last year allowed Ratby to send over £1675 to Christian Aid to help some of the world's poorest people. There will be a door to door envelope collection again this year which will be coordinated via the Parish Church and Methodist Chapel. We are hoping to exceed last year's total. We couldn't do this without our hardy collectors and we hope as many of you as possible will once again be able to help us in this effort.

We are always in need of new collectors so that we can maintain (and possibly extend) our coverage of the village. This year we are hoping to hold a preparation session for new collectors (or interested old hands) in April.

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VALLEY BAKERY

Following our feature in the last issue we have had some stories of employment at Geary's Bakery.

A different kind of 'flour' power in the 60s!

Jim Briggs recollections were of the arduous task of delivering flour to the bakery in the early sixties. He worked for F R Thompson, and tells us that the Ratby Bakery was regarded by all the company drivers as the 'worst place to drop off a delivery in the County.'

A hundred bags of flour, each weighing ten stone had to be carried on your back up wooden steps that were practically vertical. The flour had to be taken up to the first floor from where it was tipped down a chute into the mixing room below.

He says, 'You suffered with your back when you started, but you got used to it.'

Anthony Tate worked for Geary's in the 1960s, maintaining the vehicles and machinery. Later he drove a local delivery round to shops and businesses. He recalls that there were around 6 or 8 delivery vans at the time.

Of loaves and efficiency!

Hoz Gamble was employed post-retirement in 1987 as a part time telephone sales clerk. At the time the bakery dealt with over 800 customers, ranging from large organisations or companies to small shops and cafes, all supplied by a fleet of thirty delivery vans.

Hoz' role was to manage the orders of customers who did not have standing orders. The requirements had to be noted on specially printed sheets. Each of the two hundred items of bread or cakes had their own reference number. The orders were collated so that they could be presented to the bakery at 5 pm sharp for an immediate start on production.

Demand varied from time to time, and Hoz had to stay until all customers had been contacted. Orders for hot cross buns and mince pies meant busy times in the office and bakery!

Celebration cakes were dealt with separately in

decoration and wording could be recorded precisely. There were two very skilled employees engaged in producing the most beautiful creations to satisfy customer's expectations.

At the end of my Hoz' five years with the company computers had begun to take on much of the work, and he was retained as a receptionist until fully retiring at the age of seventy.

He says, 'These days are remembered fondly because I had a very cordial relationship with management and staff, both in the office and bakery, and it was there that the nickname Hoz was bestowed on me! Along with many Ratby folk I miss so much that gorgeous aroma of baking bread which regularly emanated from the Valley Bakery and permeated the whole village.'

Ratby Village Fete
Saturday 25th June 2011

Abseil down the Church Tower

The annual fete will be held in and around the Parish Church, church hall and garden again this year. As usual you will be able to enjoy delicious refreshments as well as being able to buy from the variety of stalls and generally having fun with all the family.

Music and entertainment will be provided by Ratby Band, the 2B dancers as well as some fabulous singing from a visiting gospel choir.

At popular request we will be giving you the opportunity to take part in a sponsored Abseil down the church tower.

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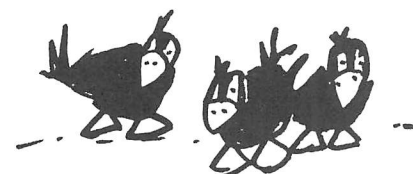
You may have noticed that Paul's Quality Electrics ad is not in this issue.

Paul advertised in every issue of WOT for over nine years, he is now starting a new career as a teacher and instructor of electrics and this will take up most of his working week.

He will be employed in a new role at South Leicestershire College at the "Engage" campus. (Formerly known as the LETG), as a Electrical Instructor/NVQ assessor (+ taking electrical technical classes).

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News from St Philip and St James

If there's one thing which keeps growing at church it's the amount of administrative issues which have to be dealt with. This is all well and good, but it does take our ministers away from what we believe they ought to be doing. After a lot of research and planning we have now altered one of the rooms in the church rooms at Ratby to become the church office serving the three churches of Ratby, Groby and Newtown Linford which forms our Bradgate Team.

The room has been fitted out with the office equipment we need to deal with the work requiring attention. We have a team of volunteers who will be spending time working for the Parish, although times are flexible at the moment whilst everything settles down and we find what are the best times of working.

Over in the Church, by the time you read this we will be in the middle of the season of Lent and looking forward to Mothering Sunday on 3rd April and Easter Day on 24th April – two celebrations when we hope to welcome you to church.



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The scheme uses a distinctive green and white plastic bottle in which you can place anything which may be useful to the emergency services. The bottle comes with a form on which you can give personal details, including what medication you are using and an emergency contact. The bottle is placed inside your fridge and one green sticker is put on the outside of the fridge and another inside the front door. If you then become ill, any paramedics called would see the stickers and be able to find the bottle in the fridge. Thanks to the information in the container, they could treat you appropriately, and let your emergency contact know what has happened. The police and fire brigade also recognise the stickers and know what to do. When RNHW receives its supply of the bottles they will go first to neighbourhood watch members and then out to the wider community. Once again my thanks to whoever supplied these words which I have changed to suit our purposes! CM

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BLOOR'S APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who helped us fight this appeal against refusal of planning permission to build on part of the green wedge which separates Ratby and Groby; particular thanks to our Borough Councillors Ozzy O'Shea and Chris Boothby, and to our parish clerk, Mrs Linda Fogg, who so ably presented the case on your behalf at the appeal hearing. *We are very pleased that the appeal has been dismissed.* However, as we rejoice that this battle is won, we must not forget that the fight against undesirable development goes on.

MEETINGS

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