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Animal Cruelty  
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## A CHANGING VIEW

The long-awaited road-widening at Desford Lane/Main Street junction is scheduled to start in the Autumn.

The scheme involves a new pavement alongside the Sports Club wall, and widening of the existing pavement. The Department of Planning and Transport believe that the plan will ease traffic problems in this area.

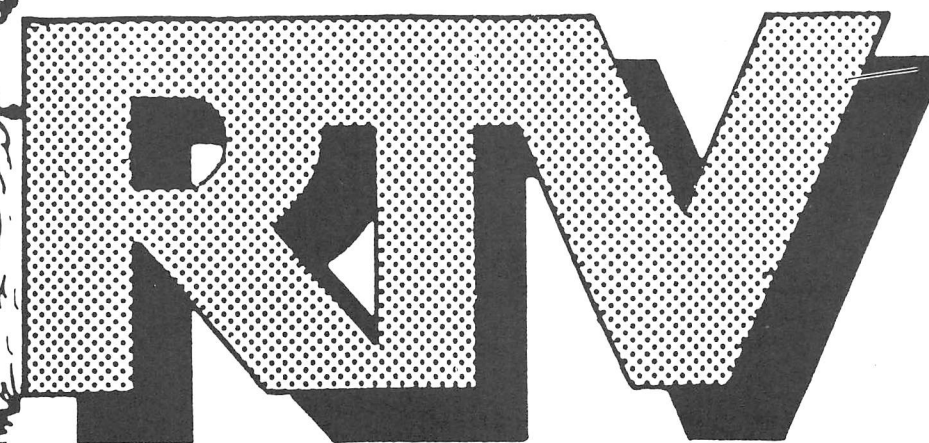
Sadly, the familiar mature tree has to be felled to enable work to proceed. A crane will be brought in for the operation, necessitating the closure of the road for one or two days. The current proposal is for a road closure of approximately three months, with essential traffic and lorries for access only diverted along Danehill. The Parish Council is concerned about this closure and its timing - read their view in this issue's newsletter.



What do you, the reader, think?



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# Ratby Parish Council

## Highway Improvements to Station Road

The proposed widening of Station Road and work on pavements between Desford Lane and Chapel lane has been scheduled for an October starting date. The Parish Council has been notified that the road will be closed for three months, and traffic diverted along Dane Hill.

Ratby Parish Council has questioned the timing of this work, and the need for such extensive road closure. A recent ruling, after the tragic death of a young woman in Derby, means that the road must be closed during crane operations to remove the cedar tree. There is no argument with this.

The Council has written to Mr T.W. Thompson, the Director of Planning and Transportation to express several concerns

### 1. Public safety

Dangers in re-routing traffic along Danehill in winter months, when the road may be icy. Heavy traffic on estate roads during dark early evenings could be a safety hazard for young children.

### 2. Business concerns

Road closure in the months leading up to Christmas will severely affect businesses along this route. This will have serious implications at the busiest retail period of the year, coming as it does at the end of economic recession.

The Parish Council is suggesting that postponing the work until summer would be a better alternative.

## Borough Council Report

### Travellers Site

A special working party has been set up to look at the designation of traveller sites. The County Council have suggested that Hinckley & Bosworth should accommodate 10 more council sites. This area already has more sites than the rest of Leicestershire and City together, but they are mainly privately owned.

### Council Housing

To keep housing in the rented sector, the Borough Council has transferred some council houses in the Borough to Orbit Housing Association. They will still be managed by the Borough Council. Finance accrued from this scheme can be used to build more council houses.

Repair and repainting of council houses is continuing.

### Recreation Areas

As part of their annual project week, students from Groby Community College have been working at the Ferndale Drive play area. They have re-painted the young children's play house, and erected a sheltered bench seat. The wood for this seat, ready cut and prepared, was generously donated by Bennett Windows. Cawrey Ltd. kindly lent the use of a JCB and driver to enable the holes to be dug and concrete poured in! The Parish Council would like to thank everyone concerned for this effort.

### Police

#### Speed checks

12 checks have been carried out during the last four months, resulting in 40 drivers being cautioned, and five being given fixed penalties.

### Parish Council Notice Boards

The Council was disgusted to find National Front notices pinned to their notice boards.

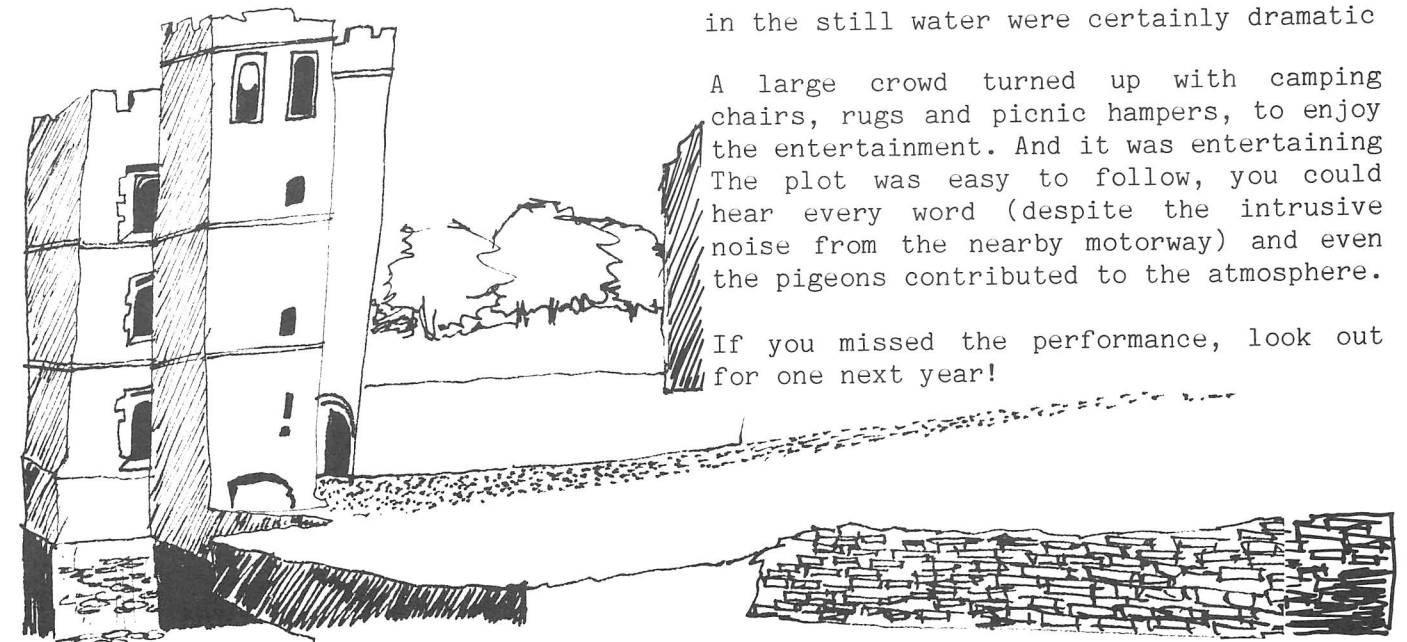
### Village Improvements

Businesses, pubs and individual householders have made a real effort this year to brighten up the village with hanging baskets and flowers. The Council would like to thank all concerned for a magnificent effort.

## AN EVENING OF DRAMA

### "The Merchant of Venice" at Kirby Muxloe Castle

"Theatre Set-Up" tour Britain with their productions, performing with natural backgrounds and no scenery just as in Shakespeare's day.



Kirby Muxloe Castle provided a perfect atmosphere for this production..... you could just imagine the moat to be a canal in Venice, and perhaps the red brick walls were reminiscent of Italian architecture. The illuminated towers, reflected in the still water were certainly dramatic

A large crowd turned up with camping chairs, rugs and picnic hampers, to enjoy the entertainment. And it was entertaining. The plot was easy to follow, you could hear every word (despite the intrusive noise from the nearby motorway) and even the pigeons contributed to the atmosphere.

If you missed the performance, look out for one next year!

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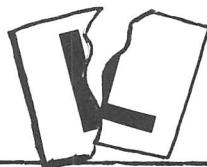
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## YOUNG PEOPLE CAN "CHILL OUT" THIS SUMMER

A campaign of summer activities is being launched by Leicestershire County Council. "Chill-Out this summer!" is being targeted at young people in the county.

The County Council is conscious of the particular needs of the older age range and has decided, this year, to encourage this age group to find activities which are enjoyable and meaningful to occupy their time.

A handbook of the activities has been produced and a reference copy should be in the library.

The activities range from the sedate such as painting, photography and computers to canoeing, rock climbing dry slope skiing and windsurfing. There are drama and video workshops and even classes on circus skills.

Activities can last just for the day or be short term residential courses. The idea is that the leisure activity will also play a role in educational and social development. Some activities are continuations of normal youth week programs, specifically tailored to the summer.

## "BE PREPARED"



Are you ready for the FAMILY CAMP weekend? The families of boys and girls in the Scout group have all been invited to a weekend camp at Willesley, near Ashby on 7th/8th and 9th of August.

The camp for the whole family has been planned with lots of fun and games such as a beetle drive, bingo, rounders, volleyball, cricket, crazy olympics, treasure hunt, a disco, a barbecue and 'game for a laugh'.

Caravans as well as tents are more than welcome, all for £10 per family. Bring your own food and drinks

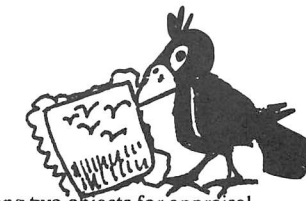
Be prepared don't miss out this year! Ring Colin on 395187 between 9.00 - 10.00 at night.

## Ratby Village Society

### AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER EVENTS

AUGUST 11th	The Work of the R.N.L.I.	An illustrated talk by Mr Geoff. Mee
SEPTEMBER 8th	"Antiques Road Show" by Mr Robert plant.	Members are invited each to bring along two objects for appraisal.
OCTOBER 13th	"Journey Along the Avon"	An illustrated talk by Mr Fred Harding.

All meetings in the Welfare Hall, Main St, Ratby at 8.0 pm. All welcome to attend.



## ERNST BARLACH: GRAPHIC WORKS THE MISERY AND GRANDEUR OF THE HUMAN CONDITION

at Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester

13 June - 16 August  
Mon-Sat 10.00-5.30  
Sun 2.00-5.30

An exhibition of lithographs and woodcuts produced by the artist between 1912-1932.

During his lifetime Ernst Barlach rejected any attempt to classify his work as "Expressionist". Nonetheless, his vast artistic output must be considered one of the most wide-ranging and complex of contributions to German Expressionism. Born in 1870, he enjoyed spectacular success during the 1920's, but his work was later condemned by the Nazis as "Degenerate art" and he died, virtually forgotten, in 1937. In the post-war period, however, he again became one of the most popular artists in Germany.

Barlach returns again and again to the misery and grandeur of the human condition, its paradoxical conjunction of the ridiculous and the sublime.





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## BEST YEAR EVER FOR LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGY?

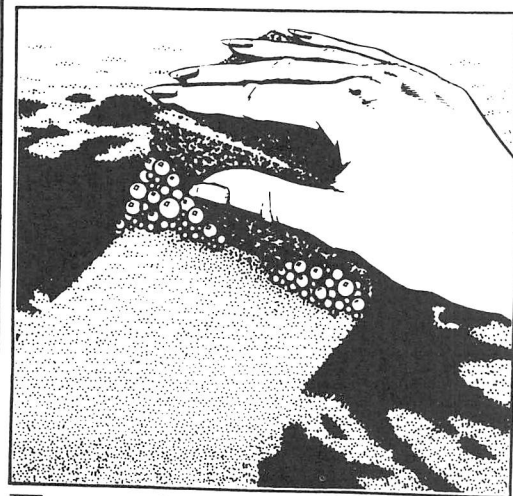
In many ways this has been the best ever year for archaeology in Leicestershire. The dry, mild winter has meant that archaeologists have been able to walk over a record number of fields to look for archaeological sites. Mr Peter Liddle, Leicestershire County Council Museums' Archaeological Survey Officer explains: "There were very few days this winter when fieldwork was stopped by heavy rain, snow or frost. Our own fieldwork team was able to look at about 80 fields - more than ever before. The award-winning Community Archaeology groups - amateur archaeologists working mainly at the weekend - have walked at least another 50".

Mr Liddle says that sites of all periods have been found ranging from the Stone Age to the relatively modern. No less than 22 Roman sites including villas, farms and pottery kilns have been found as have 9 Anglo-Saxon sites and 14 Prehistoric flint sites, and this is helping to produce a better understanding of how Leicestershire's landscape has developed.

There are now some twenty local groups but Mr Liddle stresses that there are still significant gaps in the network of groups and that he would like to hear from potential amateur archaeologists to join groups or help to set up new ones.

For further information please contact Peter Liddle at Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester, LE1 4LB, Tel. (0533) 473023.

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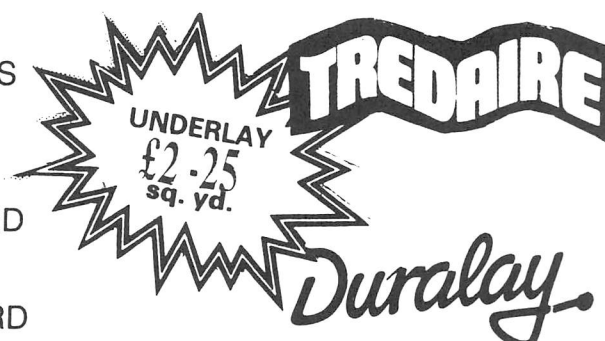
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# TRADING STANDARDS DEPARTMENT MOBILE EXHIBITION UNIT

Tuesday 23rd June 1992 saw the official 'launch' of Leicestershire County Council, Trading Standards Department's mobile exhibition unit.

The exhibition unit will be out and about around the County at various venues, including shows, gala days and shopping precincts.

On most occasions there will be officers from the Trading Standards Department in attendance who will be able to provide information and advice and talk in greater depth about the work of the Department.

Mr Ivan Davys, Director of Leicestershire County Council, Trading Standards Department said: "This Department freely gives advice on a wide range of subjects to traders and consumers alike. I hope that people will visit the mobile exhibition unit when it is in their area to gain an insight into what we can do for them."

## FAREWELL.. AND THANK YOU!

Mrs Meg O'Brien

A special party was organised for Mrs Meg O'Brien, who has retired early from Ratby School after 19 years! Staff had prepared a wonderful buffet in the school hall and presented Mrs O'Brien with a camera and bouquet. The children had already made a collection and seen Mrs O'Brien presented with a sun bed during a school assembly.

Ex teachers had travelled from as far afield as Sussex and Yorkshire to be there.

In his farewell speech, Mr Peter Smith recalled all the contributions she had made over the years. We learned that her most notorious achievement was accidentally locking the Reverend Peter Blackman in Ratby Church after a school event! He had to ring an S.O.S. on the Church Bells! Mrs O'Brien will surely be missed.

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"Although Miss Garner has only been teaching me for a short time, she has really done a lot for me. You can guarantee she will always turn up and give you an enjoyable lesson."

On behalf of everybody, thanks!"

Miss Garner specifically asked that if anyone sees her when they are out and about, could they please come up to her and say hello. She would love to hear how her former pupils were getting on.

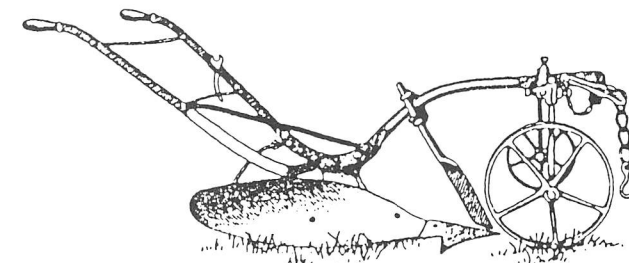
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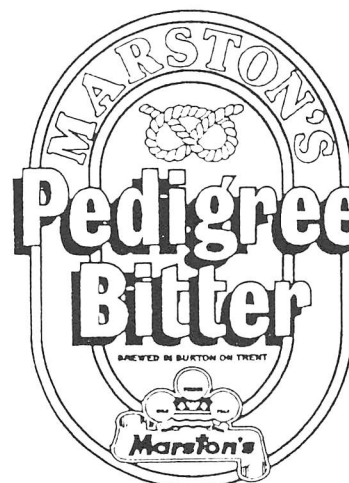
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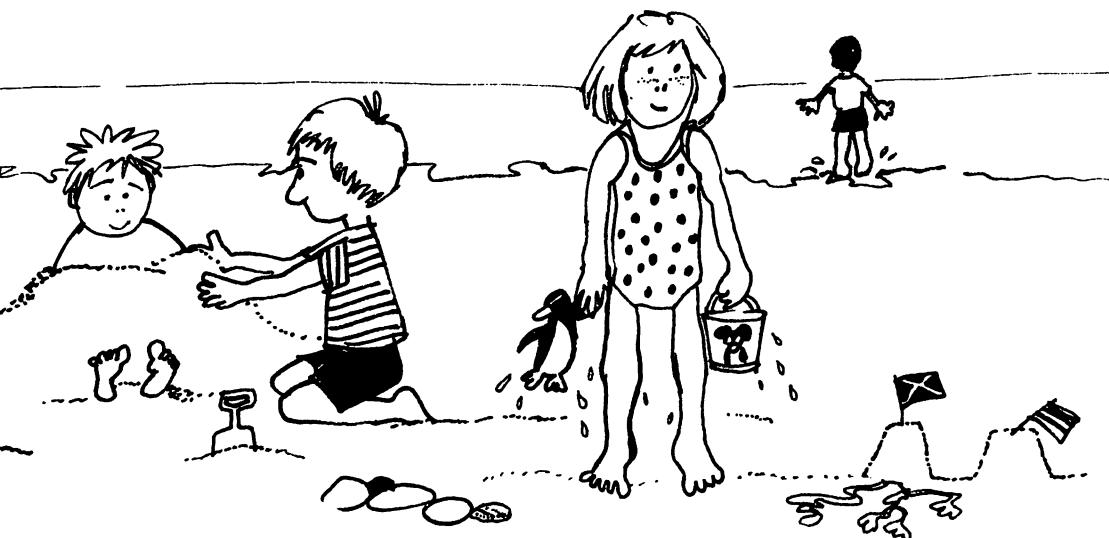


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# Peace of Mind



Once again it is the holiday season and I ask everyone to make sure it's not a successful season for the burglar. Nothing could be worse, I assure you, than to return home having had a well deserved break to find your house has been entered by a criminal and items of great sentimental value either stolen or damaged.

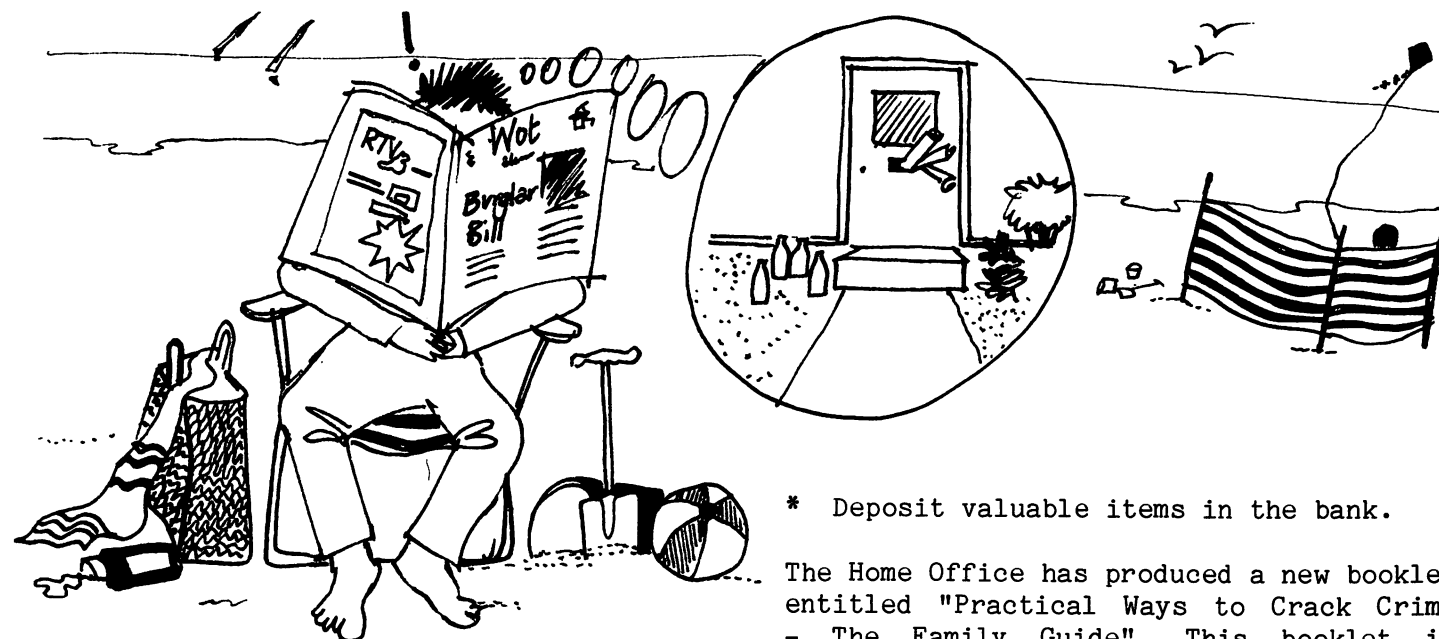
If you are going away then give some thought to the security of your house, Please don't leave it until the last moment and anticipate you will do all that is necessary in a few minutes.

Here are some rules that you should think about and above all - take positive action on.

\* Arrange for a neighbour or relative to keep an eye on your house. If you known them well enough leave a key with them and certainly let them know where you can be contacted.

\* Ask the milkman, newsagent and other traders to stop supplies.

\* Do not draw your blinds or curtains - this advertises your absence.



\* Deposit valuable items in the bank.

The Home Office has produced a new booklet entitled "Practical Ways to Crack Crime - The Family Guide". This booklet is available from Police Stations.

Please don't forget if you have a specific problem about crime prevention, ring your local police station, who will put you in touch with your Crime Prevention Officer.

Have a happy holiday and a safe return!

Sgt A West

\* See that all your locks and window fastenings are in good condition and before leaving make sure that they are all locked and securely fastened. Lock all sheds and outhouses and put away all gardening tools - make sure ladders are locked up.

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I shall list some cosmetics that animals can be tested on. Perfume, aftershave, body lotion, soap, shampoo, conditioner, bubble bath and lots more. Scientists inject perfume into rabbit's eyes to see if the rabbit becomes blind. I think this is awful that people today could do such things. If scientists want to find these things out why can't they test on humans because we are animals as well.

If you would like to buy cosmetics that have not been tested on animals, you could read through the information and it will tell you or on Tesco's products there is a picture of a rabbit on the back then it means this product has not been tested on animals. I protest not to test on animals.

Yours faithfully  
Emma Rodgers

I am writing to you for the benefit of innocent animals. I am also writing what I feel about testing our goods on animals - these for instance: shampoos, lotions, aftershaves, bubble baths, soaps, sun cream and any cosmetics e.g. lipstick. Also medicines to cure our well known diseases such as cough medicine etc. All kinds of innocent creatures are being tested on such as dogs, monkeys and rabbits. "Why does this have to happen?" Well ok we have to test on something thats living don't we. I can say - we've already got enough why not stop now? Why carry on doing it? But no, people are greedy and want more. More and more nasty experiments are being tested very cruelly on harmless young animals. Has anyone ever thought that animals have feelings too? They are really just like us in a way. Some of the animals they test on, the anaesthetic does not make any impression so the poor creatures will be able to feel every small deep slight cut the scientists make, we just can't imagine can we? If animals who were being treated in this way could talk to us, we would be feeling more than ashamed and guilty on what they had to say to us. but us, we humans just take it for granted and say it's their faults not ours we're not doing it, it's simply them! If we keep on killing off animals at the rate we are doing now, there would be scarcely any left and that awful. I think the government should take it serously and make a strong law about it because something must be done! We can't just sit here while poor young innocent animals get tortured, it's not right! I feel really strongly about animals especially when they get hurt, can't they stop there, and test it on plants? I really truly hope you can do something about this awful torture they are going through and that many more people will understand.

Yours faithfully  
Maryam Mirza

# Dear Editor .....

## Letters from students of Class 7MB at Brookvale High School on the topic of Animal Cruelty

I am writing to you about my views on experimenting on animals. I think it is very cruel to use animals for cosmetic purposes, as it is not necessary. People should buy the range of cosmetics that are available from most stores, such as the "Body Shop", as their products are not tested on animals.

I understand that medicines have to be tried and tested on animals, as this is a way to find a cure for human diseases even though I feel its still cruel to the animals. Humans should test the medicines on their own bodies especially the people who carry out the research.

Yours faithfully  
Philip Smith

I think animal testings and experiments are really cruel and I think that animals have feelings as well as humans. It is just that animals cannot speak human languages so some people treat them as stupid creatures. People do tests on animals rather than other humans because they think that animals are not as important as they are. Animal testing is cruel because it leaves the animals sometimes blind or in a terrible condition or in pain.

I do not think it is strictly necessary to do tests and experiments on animals for cosmetic reasons because animals have different cell structures from humans. I think that hair spray and perfume are not necessities for human life and I do not see why rabbits should be blinded just because people want their hair to go a certain way and to smell nice. I think factories should be able to know, without animal testing, what plants can be used for shampoos.

I am in two minds about testing for cures for illnesses. I think factories should do tests on volunteers and pay them. The volunteers would be able to speak and tell the people testing on them if they were in pain and if the substance was itching them and the cell structure in the volunteers would be the same. They wouldn't need to test so many times because the volunteers would be able to talk and the tests would be more adequate. This would stop the appalling testing on animals.

Yours faithfully  
Helen Jones

Having discussed this topic in an English lesson the teacher Miss Saunders suggested writing letters on the theme as if to a newspaper - 'Not' has obliged!!



I don't agree with animal testing and I am writing to you to explain my feelings about it. I think it is most unnecessary because for a start the creatures don't even get a say in it and it is horrible to think that innocent animals are caged up and abused in the way that they are. I'm sure that there must be a better way to make sure that medicines and things are safe to use on humans other than using animals to be tested on. Anyway even if it has been tested on animals, it doesn't necessarily mean it is safe to use on humans because the animals' skin may not be the same as humans' skin.

Yours faithfully  
Lucy Griffin

I am writing this letter as I don't agree with animal testing. I think that the animals involved are badly treated and are left in pain both mentally and physically. Some of the tests can include injecting the animals with products, putting products in their eyes which can cause blindness or even trying out new drugs on them. Why the animals have to be tested so many times is unbelievable, surely they don't have to suffer this torture over and over again? After all this testing sometimes the product could still be harmful to us as animals have different cell structures. NO human could want to go through what these animals endure so why do it to animals? There are by far enough safe items in the shops so there is no need for more. People could stop this by buying goods which say or have a sign on which indicates that they have not been tested on animals.

Yours faithfully  
Laura Pocock



I'm writing to you about cruelty to animals. I know you've probably had lots of letters but please, please, please print my letter. People are taking advantage of animals by testing on them. If you ask me we should test on people in prison who have murdered, raped or any other life criminal offence because they have done wrong and should pay. This way it would stop people doing horrid things like murder asnd rape and prisons would not be so crowded. Last week one of my friends had to dissect a frog in science. She felt very ill and is there any need to do this when we can learn from books. I dread having to dissect a frog. Please print my letter.

Yours faithfully  
C Hamlin



I do not believe in testing on animals, especially cosmetics. They are not needed so why don't they test them on human volunteers or not test them at all. Thanks to vain people millions of animals lives are being made a misery. Why are they still testing? Surely there are enough cosmetics on the market already. But cosmetics tested on animals are not just make-up products. Also shampoos, perfumes and aftershave are tested on innocent animals. You may think "oh its only a rat, it doesn't have any feelings. Animals can't feel pain." Well that's where you are wrong, if you do think that. Animals do have feelings and can feel pain. Like us they consider themselves the most important creature on earth. If a human volunteer died through testing on cosmetics it would be banned. Millions of animals have died but nobody cares. WHY? Animals are just as important as us. We are just more developed in the brain department. A rat has no idea what is going on when he is picked up and taken to a lab. It will become scared when the experiments start. It can even go crazy. Have the people who run these experiments no feeling. The experiments are run insensitively and the cages are awful. A typical rabbit's box is marginally larger than the rabbit. It squeezes its head out of a tiny hole in the front. The boxes are stacked up. A test on an animal to find toxicity in the product goes like this. the animals are force fed large quantities of a substance until 50% die, for eye irritation the draize eye test is most common. In this test a shampoo is dripped frequently undiluted into the eyes of conscious rabbits. The damage is measured in a period of 7 days. For skin irritation, face cream is taped to the animals face of shaved skin and reactions are measured over a long period of time. These tests are rejected by the "Body Shop" and Leicestershire's Laura Page cosmetics and Shirley Price Aromatherapy Limited who were included in the 1992-93 approved product guide. If you want to stop the cruelty, I have written. Make your stand. Tell your friends. Do your bit for all of God's creatures!

Yours faithfully  
Daniel Fretter



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## 1992 is Car Crime Prevention Year.

February 11th saw the launch by the Home Office of the National Car Crime Prevention Campaign.

Car crime is a continuing problem not only in Leicestershire but nationwide. To illustrate the scale of the car crime problem in Leicestershire, it is best to examine it in the terms of a simple time check. Every 49 minutes somewhere in the county a vehicle is stolen or taken without the owners consent. Every 33 minutes a vehicle is broken into and property stolen.

That is the problem we all face, but the solution also lies with us all. The majority of autocrimes are committed by opportunist thieves - a little thought and planning can do much to reduce the risk of your vehicle being taken or broken into.

To correspond with the national launch of Car Crime Prevention year, we are re-launching in Leicestershire the very successful Vehicle Watch scheme. We now have in the county over 40,000 members and only eight vehicles belonging to members have been stolen during the relevant times and nine people have been arrested. To join the scheme, visit your local police station and complete an application form. You then display in the front and rear of your vehicle a bright yellow sticker. If the vehicle is seen by the police being driven during the hours of 12 midnight and 5 a.m. when it would normally not be in use, it will be stopped and checked.

There is no charge for joining the scheme so visit your local police station and enrol today - 40,000 can't be wrong.

Sgt. A West

### How to buy a car and ensure that you keep it

To continue on with my articles on car security as part of the Car Crime Prevention Year, I intend to give you some advice on what you should look for when buying a new car to ensure that you keep it.

This week I am looking at the purchase of a brand new car. In future weeks I will look at the purchasing of used cars and also what to do having bought your second hand car.

If you are buying a brand new car, you will have a choice of new models with security features. Some manufacturers have responded to the need for greater security, and more and more new cars are fitted with anti-theft devices. When you buy, look out for the sort of features listed below. They may even save you money on your insurance.

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- \* An immobiliser device
- \* Lockable fuel cap and wheel nuts
- \* Etched windows and security marked panels.

Remember, a car that is easily broken into is one that can cause a lot of inconvenience and cost you a lot of money.

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# CAN YOU HELP ?

Dear Editor

Please find enclosed World War I photographs which I believe were Ratby people. They came to light on the death of my mother, and I wonder if anyone in Ratby would know anything about them.

Number 1 is a lad in the Leicestershire Regiment. At the time of the photo. he was in the 4th or 5th Battalion (Territorials).

Number 2 is possibly a member of the Army Service Corps.

Number 3 seems to be a Royal Artilleryman with the possible name of Sutton.

Number 4 is a Sherwood Forester (Notts & Derby).

Number 5 is a member of the Leicestershire Regiment, possibly 1st or 2nd Battalion (Regulars) as he is in No. 1 dress and appears to have a good conduct stripe and a marksman's badge.

Any information at all I would be most grateful for.

I would prefer any answers to be included in your magazine as being potentially of interest to your readers.

Sincerely  
J Briggs

**Please send any interesting information you may have on these photographs to:**

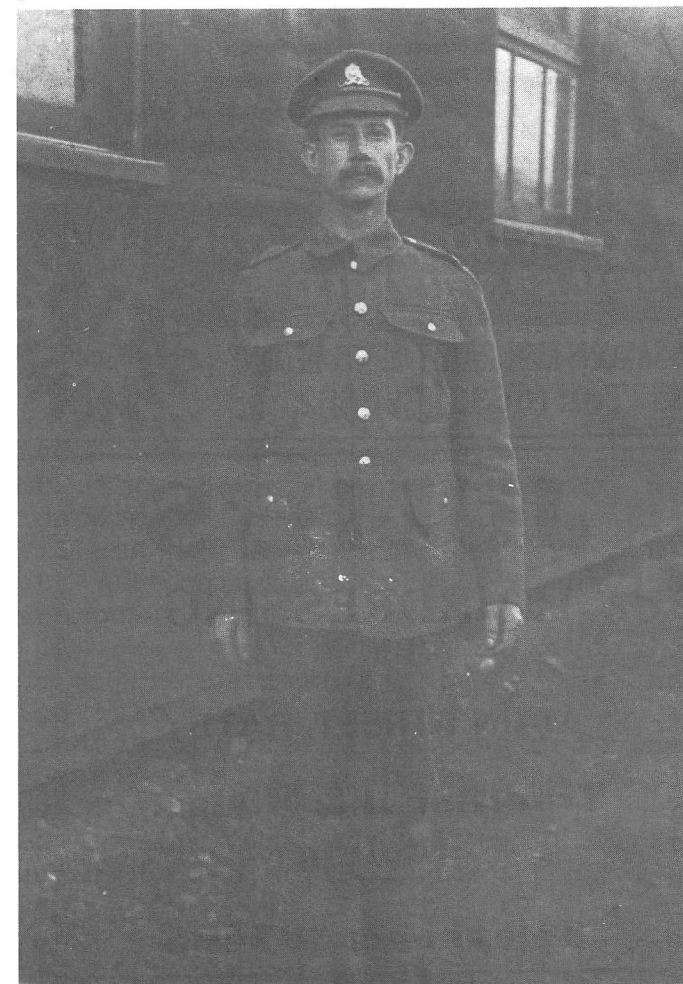
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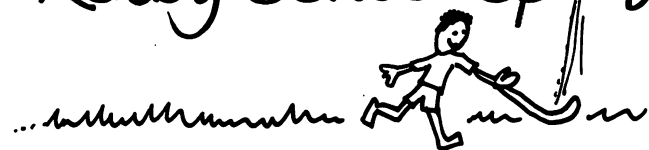
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# Ratby School Sports



Once again a well organised and successful day! Teams of ten children competed in a variety of games, with the accent on enjoyment. The older team members looked after the very youngest, and a good team spirit of co-operation was essential for success!

Compared to the more traditional sports day, when only the winners feel a sense of achievement, everyone can have a go and take part. Gone are the days when teachers patrolled lines of bored children to keep them in 'order' whilst they just sat and watched the more 'sporty' ones competing.

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# TIME TO REMEMBER

You will recall the photo in the last issue under the heading 'Time to Remember' printed courtesy of Mr S Roche. It brought back many memories for Mr G.W. Taylor of Station Road who was good enough to let us share them. The photograph, he recalls, was taken during 1947/48 and was in fact of the newly formed Ladies Branch of the British Legion. They were marching to the Church for the dedication of their new Standard. This was carried by Miss Williams and as can be seen it could not be unfurled until after the ceremony.

Apart from himself Mr Taylor was also able to identify Mrs Eva Richardson, Mrs Alice Walden (nee Copson), Mrs Alice Hirons (nee Roe), Mrs M Sutton (nee Jackson), Mrs Pat Copson, Mrs Kind, Mrs D Sutton and Mr Hubert Sutton.

A chat which took place after receipt of this letter confirmed the date and event and revealed more names.

Mr Hubert Sutton and his daughter Mrs Sloan got to work Sherlock Holmes style with a magnifying glass to identify the following additional people:-

Elsie Williams, Christine Argyll, Mrs Elizabeth Sutton (nee Smith), Alice Reeves (nee Argyll), Mrs Evelyn Poole (nee Toon), Wilfred Hulbert, Agnes Siddons, Len Kitchener, Albert Gamble, John Barnes, Mrs Reeves, Dick Williams and Bill Kitchener. They were also able to provide a little bit of information about most of these people, which due to lack of space, will have to be held over.

We had originally intended to reprint the photograph along with this information but it seems that we may be able to identify one or two more people and we hope to reprint it showing 'who is who' when as much detail as possible is available.

Some of the people towards the front have still not been named. Some may have come to represent the District. Come on British Legion, see what you can do. The children on both sides of the street also remain anonymous. Could one of them be you?

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

In the last issue we interviewed Bradley Moore and by the response we had we are sure that People and Places articles are very popular. The series will continue and some people have already been approached for future articles. If you feel that you are able to help with local material for such articles, please let us know.

We seem to have made one error however in the interview with Mr Moore saying that the petrol station at the outbreak of the second World War was where Country Travel now stands. I am reliably told that it was several doors away, towards Kirby Muxloe, in front of Billy Burton's Hairdressers. Can anyone provide more information about either the petrol station or Billy Burton's. Has anyone got a photo. of these?

## SEARCHING

We are led to believe that long ago someone, possibly even a railway worker, was killed at the crossing on Station Road near to the Railway Inn. So far we are unable to substantiate this and would very much appreciate any clues which may help as the information is one missing piece of a jigsaw, required for an interesting story that we hope to feature in a later issue.

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# BYGONE DAYS

Wot! thanks Mr Hubert Sutton for the following information about the photographs print-  
in the previous edition.



Here is a little information that you might find interesting about the eight school boys shown in the previous issue. Starting at the back and working left to right along each row we come first to Fred Brotherhood. He was one of only two of the eight to eventually live away from the village. He married, in his 40's and moved to Anstey. Fred worked in the 'Shoes'. Freddie Moore worked in the hosiery trade before becoming Postmaster in Ratby. Henry Jordan started in the shoes, worked at Glenfield Brickyard and then Desford Tubes. George Bown was a building worker who carried out maintenance for Everards pubs. Wilf Shipman of course became head of that well known local building firm. Sid Greasley worked at Anstey for a shoe manufacturers, at Desford Aerodrome during the war and then at Desford Tubes. He bought a bungalow and retired to Lytham St Annes. Hubert Sutton worked in the shoes and the plastering and Tommy Gudgen spent the whole of his working life in Freemans the Butchers.



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## "WOT ON CASSETTE"

The Ventures, the older members of the Scout Group are considering making audio cassettes of "WOT" for a trial period.

Would there be any local demand for such a service?

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## Ms Lesley King

After 8 years as Head of Brookvale High School, Lesley King is leaving to take up a post in Milton Keynes.

A collection was organised in the school, and after a 'mock' presentation of a unicycle (she was told only half the money had been raised) a mountain bike appeared - something that is a must for Milton Keynes?

Her contribution to the school and as a governor of Groby College will be greatly missed.

## Mrs Marion Bennett

Mrs Bennett has been Head of Science and Technology and contributed to the success of Brookvale High School for 15 years. Students in her class bought her a photo. album in which they had thoughtfully displayed pictures of themselves and the school.

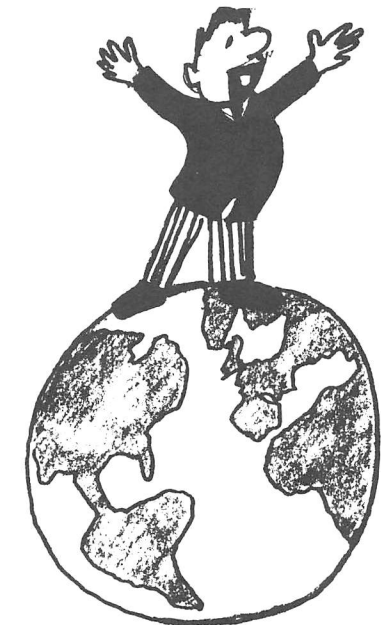
Numerous other gifts were presented throughout the day, not least of which were those coming from individual students and parents.

She too will be greatly missed.

## Crowpie Carnival

Don't forget the Ratby Band Crowpie Carnival on Saturday August 8th.

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