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1ST RATBY SWALLOWS CUB PACK

This year's cub camp was held at Willesley camp site, which is on the outskirts of Ashby. Our theme was science.

22 boys complete with back packs, sleeping bags and teddies, joined 6 leaders anticipating a wonderful weekend of fun and new learning experiences.

On arrival at the camp site, the cubs helped to erect the tents and stow their own kit. Then off to explore the site. Supper arrived promptly at 21.15, followed by one of Lesley Chevin's spooky stories, and then off to bed.

By gum, it was cold next morning. The grass had a good coating of frost. Still, after a hot cup of tea and a good fitness training session we were all soon warmed up. After breakfast and inspection, the cubs had to make their own packed lunch to take out with them on our hike to Ashby Castle. After getting a bit lost on the way (about 2 miles lost), we arrived at the Castle and sat down to eat our sandwiches. I'd just bitten my apple when we had a snow storm which lasted for 20 minutes. After it stopped we continued our lunch and then set about exploring the secret tunnel.

The hike back was hard because the sun came out After a rest period, we all had a game of non-stop boys running to buy themselves a hard earned probably under-stating it!



Paul Clarke and Colin Payne pictured with frying pans at the ready in the cookhouse doorway.

and the temperature was soon in the 70's. We cricket and the catching skills exhibited by some of were all tired when we arrived back at the camp, the cubs was breath-taking, but to name Andrew but the sound of the tuck shop bell soon had all the Glenister as the butter-fingers champion is

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Rathy Village Society





'The churches and chapels of 19th century Leicester' may be a ponderous title but Derek Seaton's talk at the May meeting certainly was anything but. During that century there were 86 new churches and chapels, of all denominations, built because of the rapidly expanding population in the town of Leicester, due to the effects of the Industrial Revolution. Naturally Mr Seaton was not able to describe each and every one, even if he had had photographs of them, but he gave a representative selection describing the various styles or architecture, from Italianate and Gothic through to Georgian. Not only was the design of the buildings discussed, but often the claims to fame of the ministers or members of the congregations and the charitable works they still perform. Mr Seaton showed that his in-depth knowledge of local history and sociology is also very wide. His photography is of the same excellent quality; especially memorable were the interior shots of St James the Greater, his favourite church building and the last one to be commenced during the 19th century.

With the shift of the populace away from the inner city during the past fifty years or so many of the splendid edifices erected by the Georgians and Victorians have become redundant resulting in either demolition or deconsecration.

In September Mr Roger Ivens will give an illustrated talk entitled 'Ten Years in the Cameroons'. Everyone is welcome to this meeting at 8.00pm on 19th September, in the Welfare Hall.

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Thirty-eight members of the Society took advantage of a beautiful summer evening in June to walk around Thornton Reservoir. There were, of course, the few who endulged in a little raucous behaviour and the odd one or two who couldn't resist chucking stones at the ducks, (you always get one or two don't you?), but by and large a lovely, peaceful, friendly evening, which ended with a convivial pint and ploughmans at a local

On August 15th we hope to enjoy the fresh air again with a stroll up the Burrows Road to view, to some extent at least, the recent acquisition of land in the vicinity of Old Hayes, by the Woodland Trust. We hope on that occasion to have the guidance of a representative from that organisation.

If you are still in the thro's of holiday-making, we wish you well and look forward to sharing your company again in the near future.

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Wayne

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DELAY TO TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME AT **BROOKVALE HIGH SCHOOL**

The following leter from Director of Planning & Transportation has been received explaining the proposed delay:-

As you are aware, the Highways and Transportation Committee of 12th January 1995 resolved "that the implementation of traffic calming measures for Ratby Road, Groby, be programmed to coincide with the opening of the A46 Leicester Western Bypass".

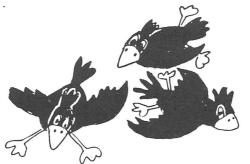
Due to delays in construction work linking the Leicester Western Bypass to the A50, it is no longer prudent to close Ratby Road for the implementation of traffic calming measures in July/August of this year. For this reason, it has been decided to delay the commencement of the Ratby Road traffic calming scheme until early October of this year with the road closure taking place during the school's autumn half-term break: 16th - 20th October 1995.

I apologise for the delay but consider this to be the most appropriate course of action given prevailing conditions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

LEICESTER WESTERN BYPASS R40 **FOOTBRIDGE**

County Councillor Robert Fraser has received a letter from The Director of Planning and Transportation stating:-

"I can confirm that the Highways Agency have informed me that the new footbridge will be completed in time for the opening of the Leicester Western Bypass towards the end of September



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Later, while some of the cubs were traversing the tube, others were helping to get material for the camp fire, or having a go on the cargo net or having a swing on the tyreswing, or better still, having a game of football.

Our thanks to Dave Hardy who set a super camp fire which would certainly roast anyone's chesnuts if left too close. We were joined by several groups and spent an hour singing all our old favourites. Then back to the hall for hamburgers.

Sunday morning also started off very cold but soon warmed up and after breakfast and inspection Lesley organised the cubs into sixes to do the various clever experiments she had researched and brought along. Some of which the leaders could not do!

The time soon goes when you're having fun. All too soon it was time to pack up, ready to go home. The final results were added up and the score board showed that blue six, expertly led by James Coltman, were the overall winners.

My thanks to Colin and Paul for cooking our meals over the weekend, to Lesley Chevin, David Smith and David Hardy, also to the scouts who came along and helped out. But our special thanks to all the cubs for coming along and doing your best.

Brian Cross (Akela)





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1ST RATBY SWALLOWS CUB PACK

Ref: Leicester West District Cub Scout Sports Day held at Glenfield Primary School sports field on Saturday 10th June.

Dear Readers,

Both cub packs entered for this event, and travelled together in the new scout van and in various parents' cars. Besides Ratby's two packs, eight other packs also entered for this event. 1st Ratby Swallows team consisted of:

Tom Hayes, Mark Sloan, Phillip Dalby, Ben Seargent, Jacob Mirza, Jamie Jackson, Gary Root and Christopher Fletcher.

The various events are arranged for the cubs to compete against other cubs in their own age groups.

Because this is a favourite competition of all cubs and so many packs turn out, each event is run over two heats with the fastest 3 finishers from each heat going through to the final of each heat.

The results were as follows:

Standing long jump: Under 9's - Chris Fletcher (5th)

Under 10's - Tom Hayes (5th) Under 11's - Phillip Dalby (5th)

Sack race:

Under 9's - Chris Fletcher (4th)

Under 10's - Jacob Mirza (5th)

Under 11's - Phillip Dalby (1st)

100 metre sprint:

Under 9's - Ben Seargent (5th)

Under 10's - Jamie Jackson (2nd)

Under 11's - Phillip Dalby (5th)

Three legged race:

Under 9's - Ben Seargent & Mark Sloan (5th)

Under 10's - Gary Root & Tom Hayes (5th)

Under 11's - Jamie Jackson & Phillip Dalby (5th)

100 metre shuttle relay for 4 cubs:

Under 9's - Mark Sloan, Chris Fletcher, Ben

Under 10's - jamie Jackson, Tom Hayes, Jacob Mirza & Gary Root (3rd)

Dressing up race:

Under 9's - Mark Sloan (1st)

Under 10's - Gary Root (1st)

Under 11's - Jacob Mirza (5th)

 4×400 metre relay:

Phillip Dalby, Chris Fletcher, Tom Hayes & Jamie

Leaders 100 metre race:

James Cross (1st)

Akela (last)

My thanks to Lesley Chevin and David Hardy for their help on the day. Thank you also to the mums and dads who came along to support us.

Congratulations to the Swift pack (who beat us by just one point) on coming third overall.

Brian Cross (Akela)





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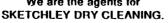
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1st Ratby Swifts Cub Scouts

Saturday June 10th marked the District Cub Scouts sports day held at Glenfield.

May I thank all the parents and leaders for their efforts on the day.

A total of 10 packs took part and the Swifts managed a place. the pack achieved overall 3rd place. BRILLIANT!!

Without the tremendous efforts by the following lads we could never have done so well:

Todd Newson received a standing ovation for his efforts in the under 9 sack race.

Daniel Allen did well in the relay and dressing-up races.

Andrew Robson partnered Andrew Taylor in the 3 legged to come 3rd. He also made the final in the 100M.

Aiden Delia just missed places in the long jump and dressing up.

Daniel Charnock partnered James Wilson in the 3 legged and helped the relay team to come 2nd.

Chris Ridley came 2nd in the 100M and 2nd in the relay for under 9, also he came 4th with the final 400M relay team.

Stefan Riley came 3rd in the sack race, and 3rd with Kyle Dixon in the 3 legged. Stefan also did well in the dressing up race.

Kyle Dixon as well as partnering Stefan Riley, helped the relay team to 2nd place.

Andrew Green achieved 2 second places with the relay team and in the long jump.

William Fowler took part in one of the relays, helped the 400M relay team to 4th, and came 2nd in the long jump.

Chris Pease entered the sack race and helped two relay teams to achieve 2nd and 4th places.

lan Rowe achieved 3rd in the 100M and 2nd in his relay.

James Wilson partnered Daniel Charnock in the 3 legged and helped his two relay teams to 2nd and 4th places.

It was a long list but every Cub there fully deserved the mention. Those Cubs who didn't receive individual certificates should be proud to be part of the overall pack certificate for 3rd place.

The Swifts pack were proud and honoured to be racing alongside the Swallows whose team achieved a very admirable 5th place which belied the closeness of the 2 teams.

Well done Brian - see you at the swimming.

Trevor Sleath - Akela - Swifts Cub Pack

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The August issue of Wot is always short. Everyone is away on holiday, and many village groups have no meetings. But this must be the shortest issue since the earliest days of the magazine.

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Some 40 parents and friends of the Cubs came to the parents' evening where each six presented such outrageous sketches as Junior Tarzan, First Night At Camp, Cannibal Cubs and Mr Bean. A variety of jokes left the audience laughing whilst amongst the magic presented was escapology á la Andrew Taylor and levitation from James Wilson and Mathew Sephton.

During the interval a video was shown of a few of the activities enjoyed by the boys, and the evening closed with a demonstration of first aid from some of the Cubs who recently gained their first aid badge.

May I thank the parents and friends who attended, the leaders and parents who helped with refreshments and organisation and most important, the Cubs who put on the show which made the evening an incredible success.

Trevor Sleath - Akela



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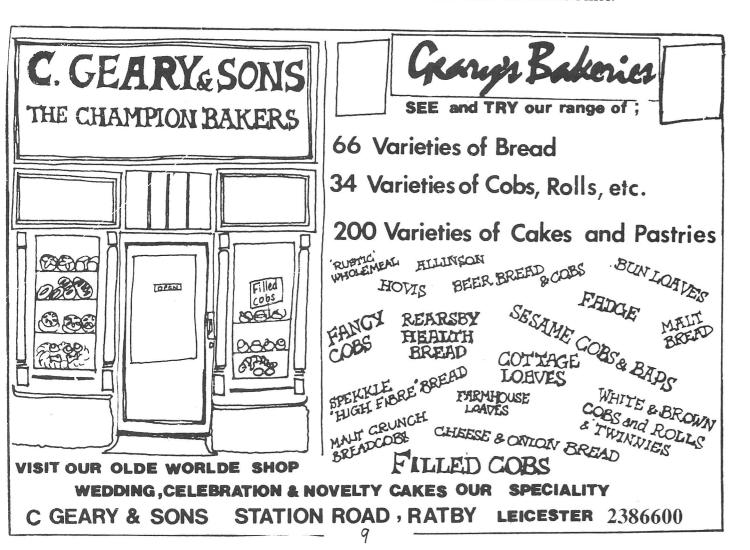
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We also need help in running the 200 Club. You do not have to join the School Association Committee or attend meetings, but be prepared to spare some of your time once a year in August/September to help deliver renewal letters and receipts or collect some payments. For more details please contact Jane Shenton at the above address or contact the School Office.





ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12 YEARS UPWARDS

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Basketball training ----- 7th - 11th August --- early evenings -----Ferndale Recreation Ground. With Dave Harris of the Riders!

Barbecue -----Ferndale Recreation Ground. Adults welcome - come & see the basketball court in action!

Free - bring some burgers etc.

"Make Your Music!"-----Mon.14th Aug., Tues.15th Aug., Mon.21st Aug.-----meet 6.00pm Cardinal car park---- Ek awaj Young Peoples Centre, One Voice Recordings studio. £1.50

Narrowboat trip------16th to 17th August----2 days, 1 night on the boat-----meet in Ratby. "The Northeaster" - learn how to work the boat!

7 - a - side Soccer tournament (11 -18yrs)----8th - 11th August------Abbey park.

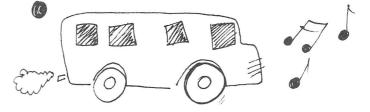
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