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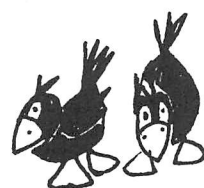
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# WOT!

## About Ratby

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## COME and BE BOWLED OVER!

If you are looking for some gentle exercise in good company then you really should 'bowl' along to this sociable event. You will be given a friendly welcome by the group. You don't have to be an expert, beginners are welcomed, and you'll find that the emphasis is on fun and friendship.

'We don't really take it that seriously, we enjoy the game and get exercise too,' says one member. 'We come because we enjoy playing.' And someone else comments; 'It's nice that it's not professional, it's not taken so seriously, so you don't get arguments.'

The Carpet Bowls Club moved to the Village Hall over fifteen years ago, and players enjoy a good team game every week with a chance to take part in an individual tournament, competing for a Cup.

There are refreshments during the afternoon, with hot cross buns at Easter and a special Christmas 'bring and share' feast.

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## NINETY YEAR OLD'S CELEBRATION!

Janet Guttridge has discovered at least fourteen people living in Ratby who have reached the age of 90 or over. She feels it would be lovely to bring them together for a celebration and a group photograph. The celebration is planned for **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 10 until 12 noon**, as part of the usual coffee morning held in the Church Rooms.

Names are being collected and invitations sent out.

### Volunteers

If you could help by making cakes or offering to bring the participants, possibly with a relative or carer, to the event please contact us. We are also looking for a beautician to come along and offer a free 'make-over' on the day to those ninety and over who would like to be involved. Please contact;

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It was a cold and wet Sunday afternoon, but people, both young and old still turned out to place a coin on our Tsunami Money Trail in Windmill Close in January 2005. Myself and Sarah Bedder successfully raised £1000 for the appeal, and were extremely grateful for everyone's contributions.

Now both aged sixteen and just finishing GCSEs we are hoping to provide hands on help to local communities in Tanzania.

In summer 2012 Groby College is organising a trip to Tanzania through 'Camps International,' a programme which aims to support local communities. Sarah and I will be involved in helping to build schools, toilets as well as conservation work.

To raise money we are planning a Coin Collage. Please join us on Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> outside Ratby Co-op from 10 am. Onwards to help us create the collage by adding coins to our lion.

Lorna Cooper.



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A **Walking Group** has been inspired by a suggestion from a member that we should include in our regular programme a monthly walk suitable for anyone who enjoys countryside walks but prefers easy walks of no longer than three and a half miles taken at a slower, relaxed pace.

The walks will take place on the first Thursday of each month starting at 9.45 am from 'Jill's bungalow' at 46 Danehill in Ratby. The first

walk will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July, followed by a second on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Initially the walk leader will be Joan Steel, but when she is available the group will choose a leader and route on the day.

We suggest that walkers bring their bus passes as the group may decide to use public transport as part of the walk, for example as the return from a walk to Thornton.

For more information on these walks and our regular rambles contact Jane on 239 5350.

**Burglars please note that Jill's bungalow will not be left unattended during walks!**

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## WALKING FESTIVAL

A walk exploring new woodland in Ratby was organised as part of the Leicestershire Walking Festival. On Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> a group of walkers set off from Ratby on a 4.5 mile guided walk.

One of the group, Ratby born and bred said, 'It was brilliant, it took us to places I'd never been before.'

If you missed it you can find the walk in the Ratby Parish Walks Leaflet. Find out more on the website;

[www.leics.gov.uk/parishwalksratby](http://www.leics.gov.uk/parishwalksratby)

This walk kicked off a series of monthly guided walks led by County Council Rights of Way Officers.



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## RATBY VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall, Main Street at 8pm on the third Tuesday of each month, except July and December, when there are no meetings. Admission; members £1.60, non-members/visitors £2.60. Tea/coffee and biscuits included. Everyone welcome, and please bring a friend.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**-Swarovski' A talk by Mel Pace on this well known company.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August** – ANNUAL SHOW, 2 pm in the Church Rooms.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**-Film night with Arthur Bassett's 16mm cine films. For more detailed information about the films please phone 239 5350 nearer the date.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**- Virginia Wright delivers a talk with slides entitled 'Murder most Foul.' Notorious local murders including the 'Green Bicycle Murder.'

## News from St Philip and St James

On a beautiful, sunny Saturday in June (the 25<sup>th</sup> to be exact!), we held our Church Fete. It was a great day. A lot of planning had gone into organising the event, the stalls, sideshows, attractions and refreshments. The result was a glorious day and being able to welcome and meet so many villagers who supported us. It's times such as this which can help bring village people together and create community. Thank you to so many people who supported the Fete and made it such an enjoyable day.

It seems a way off now, but our next important event will be a celebration of Harvest. This will be taking place over the weekend 30<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October. There will be a display of harvest flower arrangements in the church along with a display of past harvests in Ratby. We hope to have old farm implements on show in the church. More information about this in the next edition of Wot. Until then we hope you have a great summer whatever your plans might be.

## CHEESE OMELETTE for ONE

### Ingredients:

- 2 eggs per person
- 1 teaspoon cold water per egg
- A little grated cheese to taste
- Knob of butter
- Salt and pepper.

### Method:

- 1 Melt the butter over a medium heat in an omelette pan or small frying pan with a thick base.
- 2 While the butter is melting break the eggs into a bowl and beat together with the water. Season if liked.
- 3 Pour the mixture into the butter in the omelette pan.
- 4 Stir with a fork until no liquid egg remains, and when set sprinkle the surface with the cheese.
- 5 Fold the omelette over, using a broad server and place on a heated plate.
- 6 Eat at once with salad, peas or baked beans.

Alternative fillings include cooked mushrooms or diced cooked chicken, instead of or with the cheese.

Graville

## A COMMUNITY ORCHARD APPLE

### BROWNLEES RUSSET

Brownlees' Russet was a popular russet apple in the Victorian era but unlike some of its contemporaries (notably Egremont Russet) it is rarely seen. It was rated by the Victorian writer Hogg as an excellent late apple, suitable for dessert and cooking.

Brownlees' Russet is noticeably different from the mainstream russet varieties. There is clearly something a bit stronger in its make-up - it recalls another, older, russet variety, Ashmeads Kernel in this respect. The flavour is more robust with pear-drop overtones, and it is a far better keeper than many other russets, indeed it is probably at its best when stored for 2-3 months. However it shares some of the other typical characteristics of russet apples - it is easy to grow and has good disease resistance, and attractive blossom.



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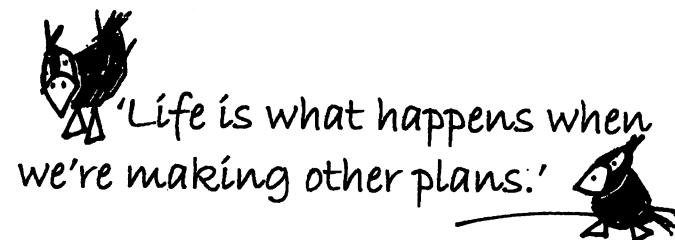
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## RATBY CO-OPERATIVE BAND

Ratby Band members have been out and about supporting good causes and representing the Band in the wider music community. Melissa Clarke and Katy and Sally-Ann Sephton took part in a 'Boobs and Brass' concert with Brighthouse and Rastrick Band. William Brett and his mum joined in with Rushen Silver Band on the Isle of Man. The Senior Band performed at Ratby 4 Rainbows concert at Leicester Cathedral. You can hear the Senior Band play in the Cathedral again on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm, and the Junior Band will be playing at Ratby Pre-school Fete on the same day. Good luck to the Mid Band for the Hardraw Scar Contest in Yorkshire on 10<sup>th</sup>/11th Sept. and to the Senior Band in the 1<sup>st</sup> Section National Finals Contest in Cheltenham on September 25<sup>th</sup>.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The recent Ratby Neighbourhood Watch newsletter included a piece on *countryside watch*. We have a deafening update from PS124 Matt Trott who says:

'We currently sell alarmed padlocks which can be used for things like sheds or motorbikes... from the Market Bosworth Police Station. These locks make an audible alarm when tampered with. They are very effective and can be heard at some distance. These alarms have been very popular with our countryside watch for use in rural locations. The locks are £12.00 each. Please contact either myself on 0116 222222 ext 6114 or PCSO 6115 Chapman for details.'

### LETTERS and ARTICLES

We welcome letters and articles, but reserve the right to edit them or deny publication. Your name and address must be supplied, but you may ask for them to be withheld. Views expressed in articles and letters do not necessarily represent the views of the Publishers. We cannot be held responsible for information in advertisements, which we accept in good faith.



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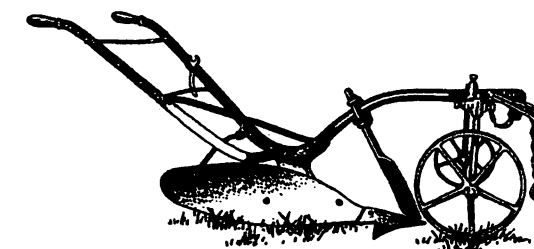
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## PÉTANQUE COMES TO RATBY

Leicestershire 33 Norfolk 15 was the result of the first County game played on the newly built piste at the Plough Inn Ratby on the 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Pétanque (French Boules) is one of the few sports that is played by players of both sexes over a wide range of age groups on equal terms. It truly is a sport for all the family.

Leicester is a very active pétanque county with some 28 clubs supporting 48 teams playing in five divisions.

Anyone interested can contact **The Plough** on 0116 2392103 or visit the LPA web site at:-  
Leicestershire-Petanque.co.uk.

## RATBY METHODIST CHURCH

We are now entering what is, arguably, the most important part of our 100 years celebration services with the theme of 'Re-dedicating.' We will be looking ahead in the next hundred years to going forward in Christian Fellowship with the people of Ratby. We begin on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. with the Reverend Jill Marsh and her mother, Mrs Margaret Bentley. Barbara is the widow of the Rev, Paul Eddyshaw who was minister here from September 1964 to August 1970. On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10 a.m. our preacher will be Dr John White who has often preached for us, and who led the service in April 1994 when we launched our most recent development. This service includes our harvest festival.

Our two celebration events start on Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> when we set off on a coach trip to Skegness which includes a service in Skegness Methodist Church.

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 6 p.m. we are having a Harvest Tea, followed by a line dance at 7p.m. The caller has promised to be kind to us older souls and play medium/slow tunes! The evening will though be fun for all ages.

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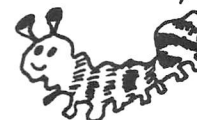
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## Wriggly Readers

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It is extremely important to make a Will, but 7 out of 10 people never get round to it and die without making it out in spite of the clear benefits. By making a Will you take the pressure off those nearest

## Wot! Delivery Stalwart Retires

After supporting the magazine since its inception Horace Gamble has decided that it is time to 'hang up his delivery bag.'

We are very grateful to Hoz for his dedication in ensuring that Wot has been received by village readers for twenty five years. We have been dependent on such committed volunteers throughout this time.

So we wish to express here our gratitude to Hoz for his commitment, and wish him well for his 'retirement' from service. We are pleased to report that he will continue to submit articles and poems of interest in the future.

Thank you Hoz!



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## RATBY WORKING MEN'S CLUB

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## 25 YEARS CELEBRATION ISSUE Wot! ABOUT RATBY

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