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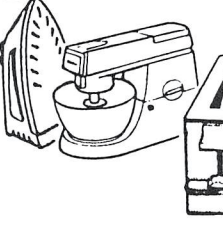
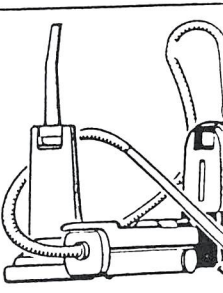
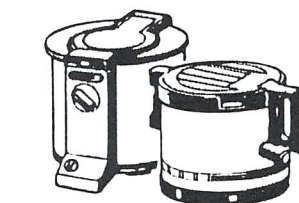
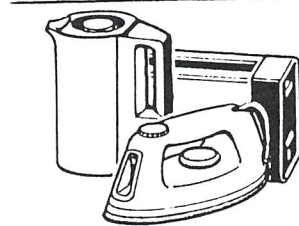
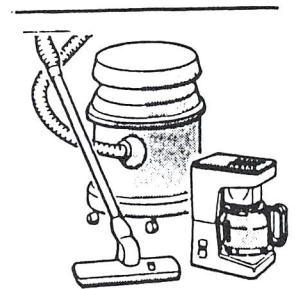
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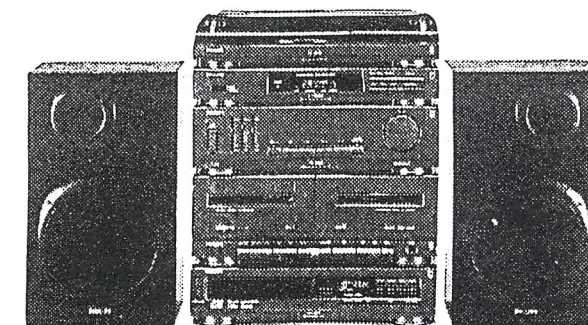
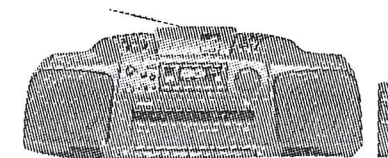
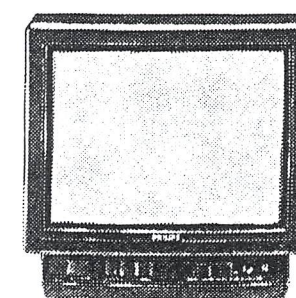
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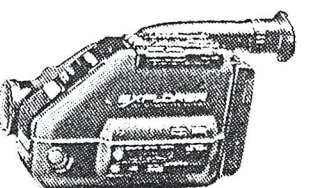


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BUSY BEAVERS BUSY BEAVERS BUSY BEAVERS ARE WE?

Yes we are still busy Beavering about, we met up with Fellow Beavers at Johns Lee Wood, for our annual Sing-a-Long, luckily the Scouts were on hand to build the campfire, thanks lads.

At our next meeting Kaa helped us to make kites, and the following week we took a trip to Bradgate Park, and the weather was just right, the kites flew, got tangled, untangled and flew again. Luckily the leaders were dab hands at untangling string, we finished off with crisps and lemonade, a great time had by all.

For our local community part of the Beaver progress badge we have, this term, planted bulbs at the school, once again near the gate (so make a purpose of looking in the spring) and round the infant playground.

30.10.91

Our 24 Beavers turned out to be ghosts, wizards, etc., we played 'Horrible' games, tried to catch dough-nuts on string, and ended up with a scary story, read in torch and pumpkin light.

06.11.91

Our own firework night, we made paper/card Bangers played games themed around fireworks, and had our usual four rockets, each representing the individual lodges, and it was "ASH Lodges" rocket that made the longest trip into the evening sky. We finished our evening off with stick toffee applies.

We would like to congratulate Lesley (Rabbit) on gaining her Wood Badge, well done Lesley and also officially welcome Rosie (Badger) who has been given her warrant as a leader.

Also thanks to everyone who helps.

KIT RABBIT BADGER KAA

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Both the sender and receiver needs to have the equipment - but there is an increasing number of Minicom terminals being used in the county - both by organisations such as the Centre for Deaf People - and individuals.

The signal is sent by placing the handset of the telephone onto the terminal. Messages are typed onto the keyboard and simultaneously displayed on the screen. The person receiving the message will also see it appear on their own screen. Messages can then be passed backwards and forwards.

The Minicom system became fully operational on the 21st October with each LCC department having a dedicated telephone line and staff trained to operate the equipment.

Should the scheme prove successful extra terminals may be installed in area offices.



NEW COUNTY COUNCIL GUIDE TO SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

A helpful booklet detailing services available to the elderly has been published by Leicestershire County Council.

Entitled "Services for the Elderly and those who care for them", the booklet identifies a wide variety of services which are available from departments of the County Council. It also includes details of help and support offered by voluntary organisations, a number of which receive funding from the County Council.

Information is divided neatly into 3 main sections - travel and mobility, education and leisure, and community services. There is a comprehensive index and details of how to contact the departments and organisations mentioned in the booklet.

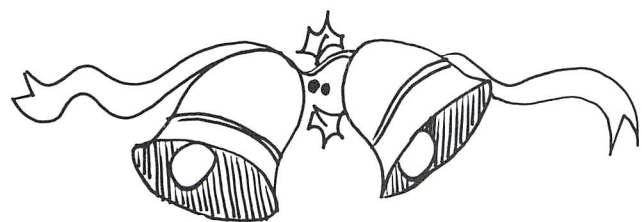
Copies of this free booklet are being circulated to libraries, residential homes, community centres and many places where the elderly meet. Copies are also available from the Public Relations Unit at County Hall.

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On Saturday 16th November a peal was rung at Ratby Parish Church by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

A full peal consists of 5040 or more changes of a particular method without any repetition of changes. The bells start in the rounds position (12345678) and after the required amount of different changes are rung, the bells will fall in the order of 12345678. This signifies the end of the peal. This amount of changes will usually take between two and a half and three hours.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is a London based society of bellringers founded in 1747 and named after the Duke of Cumberland. Membership to this society is limited; members are only elected when they have achieved a high standard of ringing and the master and other members agree that this standard is acceptable to the society. The peal was rung as part of the 'Cumberlands' peal day, where peals all over the country are arranged and rung by members of the society. Mark Pendry from Ratby was involved in two peals; one at Ratby and one at St Peters Church, Nottingham; a total of six hours ringing.

The method rung was called Cambridge Major. Cambridge being the name of the method; and major meaning it was rung on eight bells. The peal took 2 hours and 46 mins.

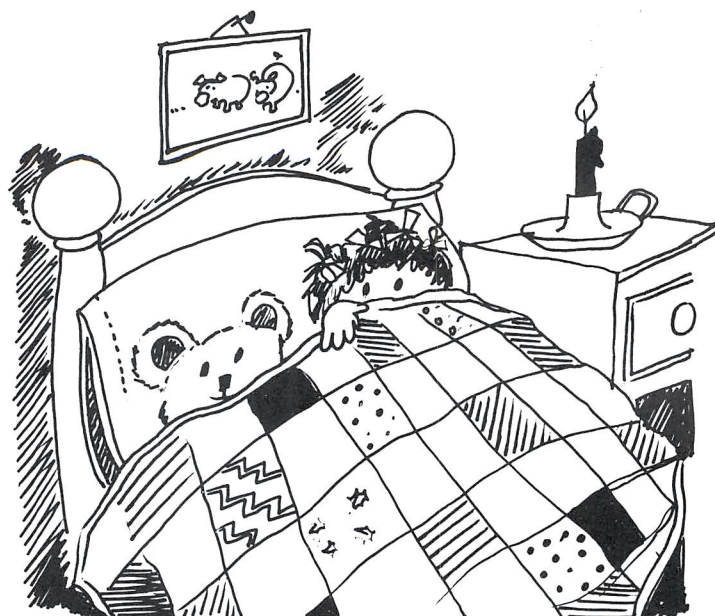
The ringers were:

Treble Margaret Edwards (Birmingham)
2 Lynn Walters (Nottingham)
3 Winifred Warwick (Leicester)
4 Anthony Haywood (Leicester)
5 Mark J Pendry (Leicester)
6 Anthony Mann (Leicester)
7 Reginald Stretton (Leicester)
Tenor Sally Mason (Leicester)

Conducted by Sally Mason.

On the evening of Tuesday 19th November 1991 a further session of ringing took place between 6.30 and 7.00 p.m. to celebrate the release of Terry Waite from 1763 days of captivity. Bells were rung throughout the country at this time as a welcome home for Mr Waite. This special event was rung by the Ratby Sunday Service Band.

Mark Pendry



When we were young

We loved to sit on Granny's knee
And go for day trips by the sea
With donkey rides upon the sands
An ice cream cornet in our hands
And brother Tony who was three
Jumping up and down with glee
Because he'd never seen the sea

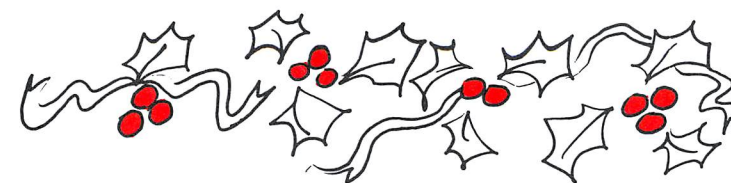
Times were hard in those days
For war was taking place
The clothes we had, all worn before
Which finished life upon the floor
As Dad made peg rugs by the score
and a little mat just by the door
Which tom cat Fred would love to claw

Tucked up in Gran's feather bed
With ever faithful dear old ted
Shadows made by candlelight
And oh, I must have looked a sight
With 'bumble bees' tied round my head
My woolly bed socks coloured red,
And army blankets on the bed

Happy days spent on the farm
'Hide and Seek' played in the barn
Gathering eggs from banty hens
Stroking piglets in their pens
And all the memories that cling
Youth's sweet song, no more to sing
Looking back, remembering

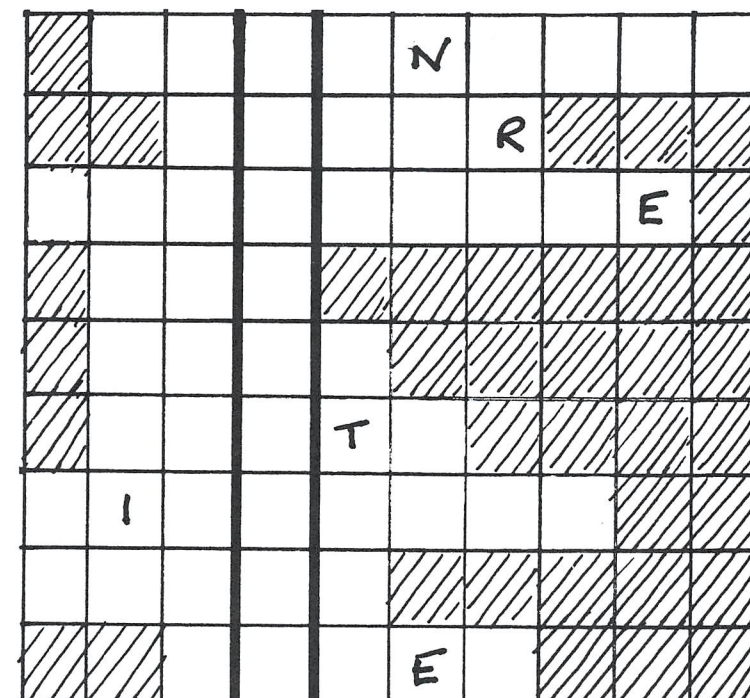
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Christmas Puzzle

by Lyn Mellor



1. Who was the first man to reach the South Pole ?
2. What is the biblical name for the adder ?
3. Who painted the "Haywain" ?
4. What is a flittermouse ?
5. Zoologically what is Taurus ?
6. On which island would you find Knossos ?
7. Which great lake lies on the equator ?
8. Which English county is "glorious" ?
9. How many sides has a 50p piece ?

Yes

Answers on page 23

Word aown: Do you need this on 25th December ?!!

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A QUACKING GOOD TIME !

Friday 25th October 12 o'clock Buckminster Road.

The start of an action packed adventure week end for 24 Ratby Cubs, aged from 8 - 11 years. Leicestershire Cubs were descending on Pontins, Morecombe for a celebration of the 75th birthday of the Cubs.

We had 14 boys from the Swifts pack with Trevor Sleath, Paul Tunnicliffe and Bill Mee and 10 boys from the Swallows pack with Lesley Chevin.

The journey started on the top deck of a double decker bus which we shared with 9 lucky boys from Groby Martinshaw Pack. Rivalry was soon forgotten and everyone got on very well together. The first hitch was noticed when we came off the M1 at Nottingham and went back to Leicester. The driver had gone the wrong way from the beginning! The whole journey there took 6½ hours.

The boys had a chalet between two and the adults had a chalet to themselves. Chalet hopping (for adults as well as boys) was out of bounds! They looked very grown up sorting their clothes into their drawers.

The meals were very good with plenty of it and lots of choice, although the dining room was very chaotic with a thousand boys milling around.

The Bluecoats 'organised' a variety of sport activities for the boys to compete in so they were put into different groups. Ratby were White Group 5. The daytime competitions were: Crazy golf, Commando course, swimming, boat races, skittles, welly throwing, table tennis, relay race, rounders putting, BMX races and Football. These were spread out over all day Saturday and Sunday morning.

Friday night was spent shivering in the camp cinema watching 'Honey I shrunk the kids' and taking part in a cabaret/disco. Saturday night for the boys was spent in the disco, with lots of dancing and a disco dancing competition, the adults spent that part of the evening trying to avoid the ice cubes down their backs, fronts and anywhere else the boys could think of. May I say THANKS to the boys who literally carried/dragged me onto the dance floor for the adults dancing competition. I still want to know how Trevor and Paul got out of that one.

There were Karaoke sessions for the adults after the boys had gone to bed which were great fun. Fortunately for everyone present, Trevor avoided going on that stage too.

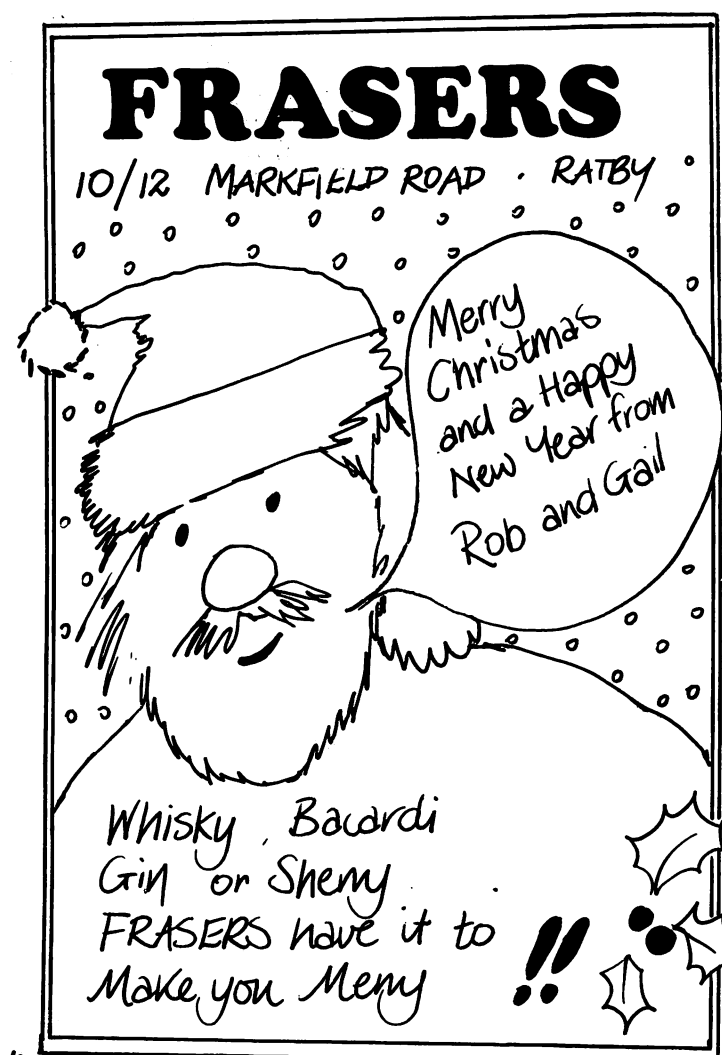
To end the weekend we took the tired boys to a short interdenominational service followed by the awards ceremony and the cutting of the birthday cake. Ratby managed to win four certificates! Table tennis, Rounders, Crazy golf and Swimming.

The journey home was equally horrific, although it only took 6 hours and we didn't get lost.

There will always be lasting memories of the Pontins Ducks. Being woken up at 5 o'clock in the morning by 30 ducks begging very loudly for their breakfast right outside your chalet door is not my idea of fun, although the boys seemed to enjoy it. I would have loved Duck a l'orange on Saturday night!

All 24 boys were great. We didn't lose any body, at least I think we came back with the same 24.

WELL DONE RATBY SWIFTS AND SWALLOWS, and thanks for a good weekend from Lesley, Trevor, Paul and Bill. We would take you all again.



1st RATBY SCOUT GROUP 100 CLUB

The last collection for the 100 club was in June. The winners for the last three months were:-

April	£40	Ian Graham	82
May	£40	Mrs Kirby	64
June	£60	Mr Pete Sumner	43
June	£40	Mrs Kirby	64

During June we decided that, as the club was no longer profitable we would discontinue the draws.

We wish to thank all contributors for their support and loyalty.



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A RISING NEW ACTOR?

James Cross, aged 11, a member of the Scout Group has won a place, after auditioning with 400 other children in the forth coming "Haymarket Theatre" production of "The King & I". To be presented early December.

James has been measured for his costume and rehearsals start early this month.

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MONEY FOR NOTHING

"Don't be misled by newspaper adverts offering the opportunity to get rich quick by working from home" is the message from the Leicestershire County Council's Trading Standards Department.

The warning follows a spate of enquiries (over 600 in the past 6 months) about a variety of home working schemes. Invariably they offer the chance of earning a lot of money for a few hours work "in the comfort of your own home" - the reality is somewhat different.

One type of scheme is the chain letter where typically you are asked to send £5 to each of names on a list, add yours to it (removing one of the others) and send copies of the letter to as many people as you can. This scheme contravenes the Pyramid Selling Schemes Regulations and the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1968.

Another is the envelope-addressing scheme, usually advertised in shop windows and newspapers. Various companies are involved from Dorset, London, Cheshire and most recently Leicester. The adverts give the impression that, in return for a once only fee of anything up to £40, you will be writing addresses on envelopes for unsolicited mailshots, for which you will be paid up to 80p each. What you infact have to do is advertise yourself for more people to join the scheme in the same way that you did, who then advertise for more people to join the scheme, who then advertise - and everyone pays the "once only fee" or "returnable deposit" to the man at the top of the tree.

A variation on this theme is the marketing of a "Business Plan" for which you pay about £30, with the enticement of a "free gift" - although you subsequently find that there is a charge of £50 postage and packing for this "free gift". The "plan" involves selling more plans, obtainable from the company you got yours from, to people who have to sell more plans Experience has shown that the

claims made about payment, such as "£500 per month part time, full time could quadruple this amount" are invariably false. Officers are particularly concerned that these schemes target the unemployed, one-parent families and people unable to work away from home.

Ivan Davys, Leicestershire's Director of Trading Standards, warns:-

"If you are interested in working from home treat with caution advertisements with glittering promises of easy wealth. Often these schemes are little more than attempts to get people to part with hard earned money to line the pockets of the unscrupulous. We have many examples of pensioners and housewives being 'ripped off', my advice is to think very very carefully before parting with any money for a job offering the opportunity to make money quickly".

People who have had any bad experiences of home working schemes are invited to contact the duty officer on Leicester 514415, or visit/write to the Leicestershire County Council's Trading standards Department at 3 Grey Friars, Leicester LE1 5PH.

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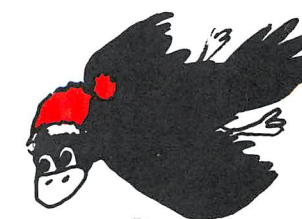
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by
Alison
Tyler
aged 9



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Family Scout Camp!

The first Ratby family scout camp took place at Willesley, a local scouting movement camp site 2 miles south of Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Friday 2nd of August.

On the previous evening a small gang of 'volunteers' had been pressed into marquee erection service under the 'gentle' guidance of Ray Lander. Whilst this was being progressed the site warden moved the lush sward to a more suitable length for cavorting on by the less young and unfitter elements of our company.

For those not familiar with the site, it's located near Ashby Golf Club, and comprises two main areas, one a large clearing in a wood around which the scouts normally pitch tents, the other a big rectangular field sloping gently upwards as it goes away from the car park. It was this that we were to use and which proved admirable for the purposes.

The happy campers arrived in dribs and drabs throughout the afternoon, and by about 6 o'clock nearly all were pitched, 'all' being approximately 45.

Ray, in the role of Ted Bovis (Hi-de-Hi), had drawn up a programme of events into which a considerable amount of thought and effort must have gone. The first of these events was a bingo and beetle drive session in the marquee that evening. Even at this early point it became clear that a sound knowledge of gamesmanship would be a useful asset: three legged beetles are even rarer than four leafed clovers! It was during these goings-on that the last family arrived, the Tunnicliffes, with their new caravan. So new in fact that they had taken delivery and fitted it out the same afternoon. That's keenness for you!

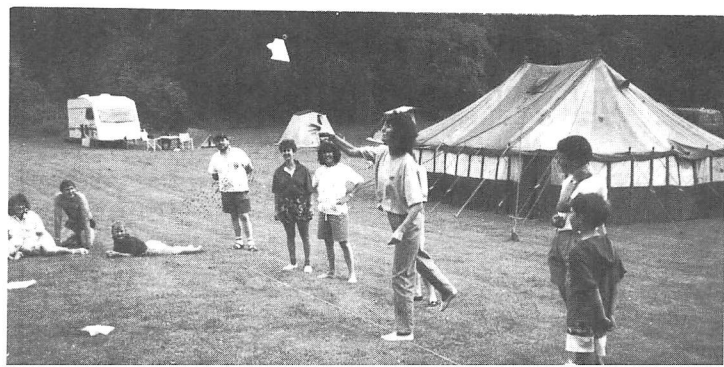
Next day kicked off (?) with a game of volleyball. Having not played this game for a considerable number of years I was quite unaware of the changes to the rules permitting: any number of players between 2

and 50 on either side: changing sides if you don't like the sun in your eyes: allowing people called "Chris" to serve indefinitely should the opposing team appear to have the upper hand, etc. etc.

After lunch took place the star event, the Crazy Olympics. this was Ray's "piece de resistance." Obviously devised to make figures of fun out of all those foolish enough to participate, it did it's job well! Limbo dancing, which looks so easy when performed by West Indians, so much so that getting into a public toilet without paying would appear a doddle, grounded all; even the best only getting down to about 1 metre. This was quickly followed by the new sport 'origamiaeronautics', paper aeroplane making and throwing to the uninitiated, and won by a certain "Lesley" who compressed her free issue (Ray can be so generous) paper sheet into a hard ball and threw it. After this came balloon stamping, a curiously local custom, probably dating back as far as the early eighties; stump spinning, and target wellie whanging. (reverse whanging for the lads).

For the evening's enjoyment a mass barbecue had been arranged to take place outside the Big Top and preparations were in full swing (well one or two of the fires were beginning to splutter into life), when the heavens opened and in the only period of bad weather of the whole weekend we were all deluged. Fortunately many umbrellas quickly appeared, ensuring that in the main only the 'operators' and the observers caught it! The barbecue was a great success, looking at it's peak like an 'orgy of the carnivores', with hundreds of pieces of meat frizzling away.

To round the day off we had a camp fire sing-song in the woods led by Ray, who dressed up in purple frock and weird head gear looking like a cross between Dame Edna Everidge and The Wizard of Oz, (if in fact they're not the same person!). Into this happy gathering wandered a stray drunk wanting to do a



'number'. He thought better of it after being briefed on the limitations of acceptable repertoire, i.e. no dirty ditties please!

Sunday morning saw more volleyball (new rules again) and a treasure hunt. For the treasure hunt, the whole site was considered to be Great Britain less Ireland, clues being positioned where towns would be, relative to London, (the toilet block), no comments please.

The last event apart from the taking down of the marquee was a game of rounders. I say last because it certainly wasn't least, being played with a great amount of enthusiasm and quite a lot of skill.

To say that the weekend was a success is probably an understatement and I'm sure that bookings for next year, if it's held again will increase.

Many thanks Ray, Paul and all other helpers.

Peter Wheldon

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Borough Council Report

Councillor Fraser reported that a window improvement scheme would be going ahead on Borough council owned housing in the area.

County Council

Councillor Mrs Pat Butler had sent a report of the County Council Environment Committee regarding the proposed plan for housing and industry in the village, which had been put forward by a Groby architect. Details from this report have been displayed in village shops. The full report is available in the Library.



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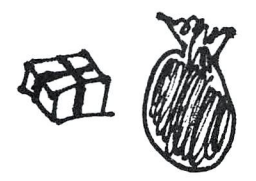
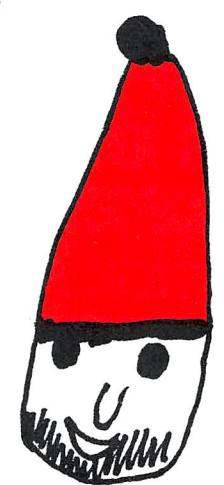


Elizabeth Tyler 7.

Why did Santa cross the
To get to the sleigh!

Emma Donner 8

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Woodward
age 8.



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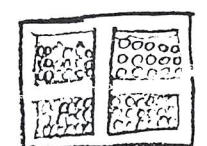
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

What do you call
a Crying Snowman?
Snow-Ball.



Sarah Tyler 4.

ur pictures coming....

Ratby Parish Council

CHRISTMAS in the VILLAGE

Christmas Windows

Once again the Council will be holding the Christmas Shop Windows Competition. There will be three prizes, 1st £25, 2nd £10 and 3rd £5.

Christmas in the Village

The Christmas Tree will be up and lit on December 14th, in time for the Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday December 18th. This year Ratby Band will be playing, and the Reverends Blackman and Keeley have been asked to lead the singing. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in Carols will begin at 7.30 p.m.

Santa is coming to Ratby Again

Santa Claus and his fire engine from Wigston Fire Station will be visiting Ratby as usual to collect toys and gifts of money for the less fortunate children of Leicestershire.

They will begin their tour at the Christmas Tree on Wednesday December 18th at around 7 p.m. Santa will then follow his usual route down Station Road, Park Road, up Dane hill, then via Markfield Road to the Whittington Drive area. Stamford Street will be the last road on the way back to the Christmas Tree in time for the Carols around the tree.


Ratby Parish Council would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a more prosperous New Year. *merry*



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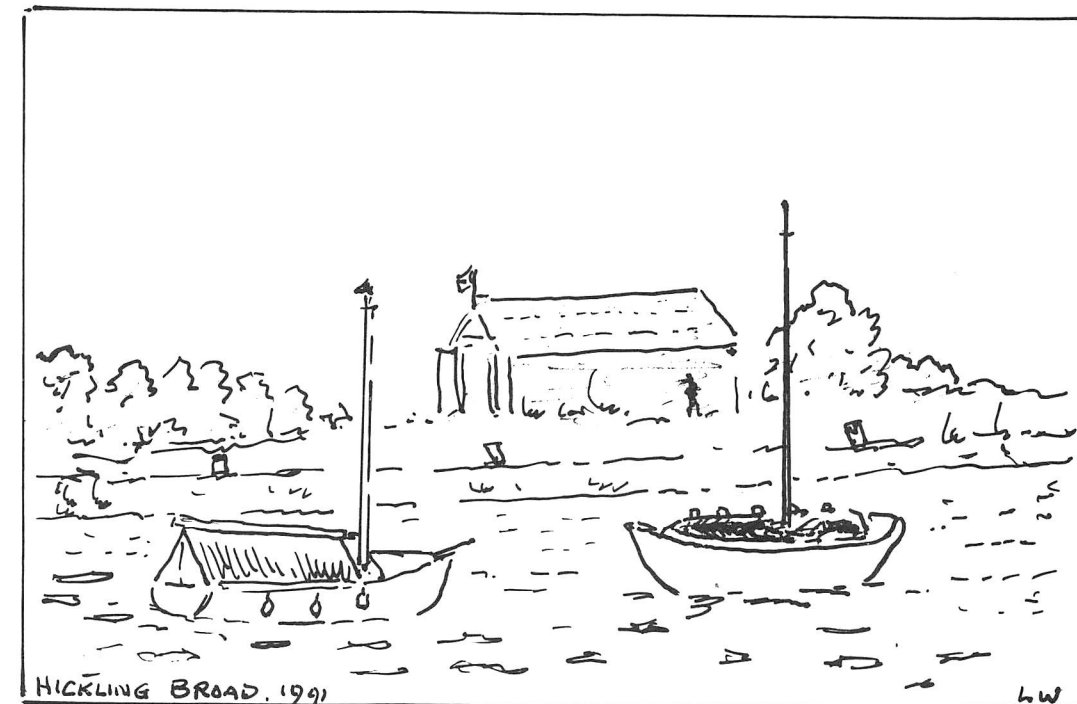
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GREETINGS FROM NORFOLK



The character of Norfolk is gradually unfolding faster living here for ten months. One must quickly realise that true Norfolk people do not pronounce place names as written i.e. Snettisham becomes Snetsham, Hunstanton becomes Hunston. The true Norfolk person will speak of a "bor" - no this is not someone who bores him nor a water hole, but an abbreviation of "neighbour".

Norfolk has always been primarily an agricultural county producing grain and since the 1920's sugar beet. The very dry summers recently experienced, has unexpectedly brought forth high yields of grain but at this moment farmers are concerned for the sugar beet and potato harvest. Unfortunately the dry summer has done very little for our garden -- the lawns being parched and the newly planted plants have withered and died. But Norfolk has greeted us with the most wonderful summer.

The friendliness of Norfolk people is legend welcoming newcomers so that in a very short time one feels part of the community, very much like the people of Ratby.

I was very impressed by the appeal for the protection of caught birds in "Bird Alert" by Miss Amy Boud ('Wot' No. 29.) It brought to mind the sadness I felt on discovering many dead sea birds on Heacham Beach in February. All were shore line feeders unable to feed, the sea edge being frozen. Most of us help to keep wild birds alive during severe winter conditions and it was indeed unfortunate that it was impossible to help these beautiful sea birds to survive. It is also tragic to witness so many pheasants, rabbits and other small rodents killed on the new A149 bypass. Pheasants are known locally as Norfolk sparrows.

Many ancient artifacts have been found in the county. In 1989 a unique iron-age horde of 60 gold and silver torcs (neck bands) and bracelets were unearthed by a local man, using a metal detector, from field in Snettisham, Heacham's neighbouring village. This is one of the largest finds of ancient artifacts in Great Britain, most of which is now on display at the British Museum in London. It is believed to family or tribal wealth hidden for safety. Since the inquest in March to decide whether the horde was treasure trove and therefore the property of the Crown, yet more jewellery and ancient coins have been unearthed. Now Norfolk archaeologists want the law changed to ensure that such historic finds are not split up or sent abroad.

Olive Smalley
Heacham



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AN INTERVIEW WITH 'MISS PAT'



Photograph by Sylvia Gant

How long have you been involved in teaching?
Since 1970

How did you yourself originally become involved in dance?

As a child I went to dancing lessons in my home town of Rugby; I loved dancing then and I still do. All I ever wanted to do was perform on stage. This became a reality when I left school. I went to a typing school for 6 months (my father said I should do something else just in case I didn't make it). I was successful at my first audition, and went into panto at Dudley Hippodrome Harry Secome was the star. I danced for a further 4 years which included T.V. and panto and summer season. The most exciting was a panto at the Royal Court Theatre in Liverpool - Lionel Blair was the choreographer, Freddie Carpenter was the Producer and the late George Formby was the star; it was a new production and very successful.

Are any other members of your family involved in any way?

My mother and her sisters were

orphans, so tuition was out of the question, but all had talents in different ways - singing, playing piano, acting and dancing, and my father encouraged me in every way.

What is the official name of your dance school and how long has it been established?

Pat Sussenbach School of Dance - since 1970; Principal - Pat Sussenbach, Examiner and Adjudicator B.T.D.A.

What types of dance do you teach, and which is your personal favourite?

Ballet, Tap, Acrobatics, Greek, Modern, National, Character; I like them all, but Ballet is my favourite

What age range do you cover?

3 years - 73 years

Do many boys get involved?

Sometimes. Boy dancers do very well, as teachers and on the stage, because there are not so many of them (the numbers are improving).

When did you first start holding classes in Ratby, and why did you choose to come to the village?

April 1990 - I was asked if I would

Do you teach in other villages?

Yes, at Cosby

Do most children achieve success in the exams, and what sort of exams and levels are there?

Yes, most children do well, with a 100% pass rate; we have never had a failure and it's my job to ensure this. All children's grades in the subjects mentioned earlier, and of course medals (a performance) and festivals (competing against other schools)

What is the highest level that you can teach?

Advanced, the highest level you can achieve, and all subjects.

Do you know of any former pupils who have gone on to a successful career involving dance?

As dancers over the years about 20. As teachers over the years, about 10 girls from my school and solely trained by me have received places in dance colleges.

What is the maximum number of children in a class, and how young was the youngest child you have taught?

The youngest was 2½ years (but she is married now). I don't like the classes to be large, about 14 to 20 is about the maximum.

Please tell us your plans for a Christmas show!

It will be to celebrate 21 years of teaching, held for 3 performances - 2 nights, 1 matinee, Thursday 19th December, Friday 20th December and Saturday 21st December. All the children will be involved in the show.

Would you tell us something about your studio, i.e. the facilities, other teachers, sorts of classes and anything else you think is appropriate?

My studio is on Glenfield Road East, St Andrews Methodist Church Halls. Classes in all subjects are available, including class lessons and stage school. This year I have an assistant teacher who has completed 2 years YTS with me; her name is Sarah Streetley and Sarah is an Advanced and Intermediate Student in all subjects.

If you have anything else that you would like to mention, please do! (i.e. how to enrol in your class).

Enrolment of classes, at Cosby classes, at Ratby classes, and on Saturday mornings at the studio at Glenfield Road East - 10 a.m. to 1 o'clock. (Ratby classes are held in the Welfare Hall, Main Street, between 3 o'clock and 6 o'clock Friday weekly).

The following children from Ratby took their exams on Saturday 7th September, held at the studio with these results:

Bronze Medal Mime
Kirsty Broad - H/Comm
Kathryn Sephton - Hons
Silver Medal Mime
Lorna Minhinnett - comm
Rebecca McKellican - H/Comm
Melissa Clarke - Hons
Emma Glenister - Hons
Gold Medal Mime
Sarah Laywood - Hons
Kirstie Smith - Hons
Kelly York - H/Comm
Rebecca Jones - H/Comm
Bronze Tap
Naomi Chinn - H/Comm
Bronze Medal Ballet
Natalie Root - Comm
Claire Astill - H/Comm
Rachel Moore - Hons
Holly Jackson - H/Comm
Kerri Smith - Hons
Emma Bonner - H/Comm
Estelle Palmer - Comm
Lucy Sharpe - Hons
Silver Medal Ballet
Susanna Steptoe - H/Comm
Alexandra Evans - H/Comm
Sara Brooks 6 H/Comm
Kelly Snowball - H/Comm
Melanie Bailey - H/Comm
Katie Wain - Hons
Lisa Wilcox - Hons
Hayley Botterill - H/Comm
Louisa Snowball - H/Comm
Grade 5 Aerobics

Sarah Streetley

P = Pass
H/Comm = Highly Commended
Comm = Commended
P/P = Pass Plus
Hon = Honours
Dis = Distinction

Letters



Steyning Crescent
Glenfield

Dear Editor,
May I, through your magazine, thank the people of Ratby for their generosity towards this years house to house collection on the behalf of the National Children's Home. In spite of the recession, bad publicity about children's homes and coinciding with the Spastics Society collection, £613 was raised, which was a 25% increase on last years total of £490. Thanks also go to those who displayed posters and to the volunteer collectors whose loyalty and dedication is so much appreciated.

Joy Parker.
(local NCH secretary)
Editors note. Thank you for your congratulations and kind thoughts.

Dear Wot!

'Weatherbury'
45 Danehill

Draft Replacement Leicestershire Structure Plan

I write to remind your readers, the people of Ratby that the draft replacement Structure Plan has been published. If approved it will provide the basis of planning control for the whole of Leicestershire, including Ratby, until 2006. A copy of these proposals are to be found in the Library. Any objections to the draft Plan have to be submitted to the Dept. of the Environment on a special form, available from them, before 23rd December 1991.

In order that Ratby is preserved and enhanced sympathetically, I urge each person to at least read the Structure Plan and submit any objections if necessary. We have only a short while to act, after which time it will be too late!

Only we can protect Ratby from urban sprawl and from becoming enveloped into the City of Leicester and its environs!

Act now!

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by Louise Murray
age 8

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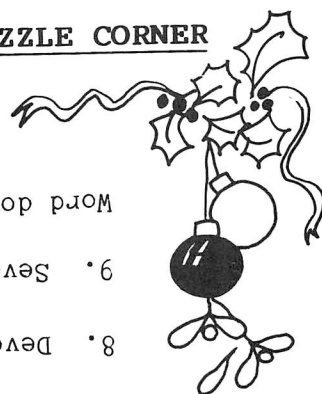
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