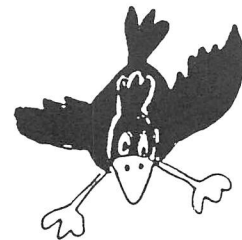


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FEBRUARY

In 1996, Ratby's two partners-in-rime, 'Orrible 'Oz' and Awful Aud' had between them, twelve poems published rationally including the following which is appropriate to this month.

THE HAPPENING

February sneaked in like a Prophet of Doom.
Leaden skies matched my gathering, grey, gloom.
Don't want to stir from my cosy, warm, room
in February.

The grey world outside does nothing to cheer
this gloomy, grey, galling month of the year.
Downright depressing, deep forebodings of fear
through February.

Oh dear me no, so it's going to snow ?
That's all I need ! So I'm going to go
back into my shell. I don't want to know
about February.

The Spring's far away, too far to see
through the gloom and depression encircling me.
When will it all end and let me be free
from February ?

Then it happened. A friend made a 'call.
See you tomorrow ? No trouble at all.
As she stepped through the doorway hugged me in the
hall !

..... Where's February ?

Hoz

St Bride and Candlemas Eve

February 1st is St Bride's Day, also known as St Brigid in Ireland and the Isle of Man.

This date is also Candlemas Eve, when Christmas decorations were taken down. If a leaf or a berry was found after this day it was thought that whoever found it would die.

Robert Herrick wrote, in 1648 :-

*Down with Rosemary and Baies,
Down with the mistletoe;
Instead of Holly now upraise
The Greener box for show*

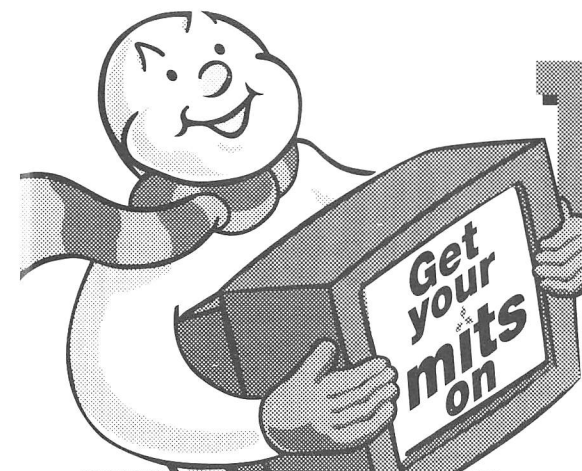
The decorations were replaced with branches of box.

The traditional food for this day was oat-cakes.

On Candlemas Day, February 2nd, candles were thrown away. Parishioners would attend Church, wax candles and tapers were consecrated, and carried in procession to guard against evil spirits and storms. The bigger the candle and brighter then the greater the protection. This festival is held for the commemoration of the purification of the Virgin, and was particularly important to women.

In Scotland, it is the first quarter day when payments of rent is due.

*"If Candlemas day be fair and bright,
Winter will have another fight;
If on Candlemas Day it be shower and rain
Winter is gone and will not come again.*



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Ratby Village Society



Following the November Village Quiz, which was reported in the December issue of WOT, the Society was able to send a donation of £50.00 to the Rainbows Children's Hospice.

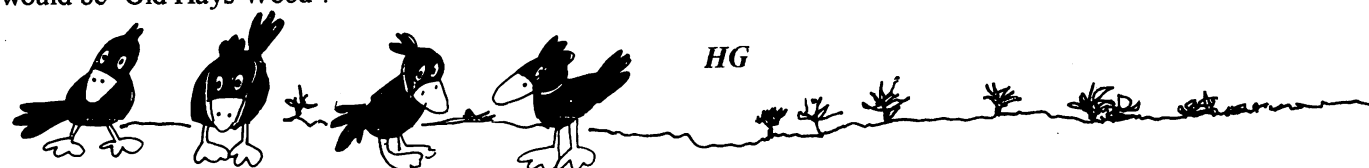
On 30th November a group of members joined with other villagers in the Woodland Trust tree planting event as part of National Tree Week. The site was the second parcel of land acquired by the trust in 1995, which is bounded by the Burroughs Wood Deer Bank, the Thornton Bridleway and the access road to Old Hays farm. Apart from the many hundred trees planted that day it was a surprise, and delight, to discover that the Woodland Trust had already made a start there on the creation of the new wood. A competition was held in conjunction with the event to choose a name for the area. The Ratby Village Society had previously agreed that, for geographical and historical reasons, our choice for entry would be 'Old Hays Wood'.

It seems a pity that there is still controversy regarding the correct spelling. Ordnance Survey maps have always shown it as Old Hays and there are many headstones, and memorials, in Ratby churchyard to deceased occupants from the farm which are inscribed Old Hays. A hay, by dictionary of definition, is a hedge or fence. However, the Area Officer of the Woodland Trust advised us that written into the solicitor's conveyance, for the purchase of the land, the spelling is Hayes.

A seemingly common mistake which, it is hoped, the good folk of Ratby will reject wherever it appears.

The February meeting of the Society in the Welfare Hall will be the Annual General Meeting on the 18th.

It is hoped that Fred Willis will be recovered sufficiently from illness to give his talk on 'Aspects of Africa' on March 18th.



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There are roughly 8,350 institutes in England and Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. Ratby celebrated their 50th birthday in 1995 with a special event, to which one or two original members were invited.

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Ratby / Groby Karate Club had an excellent Christmas grading. Dave Spicer the club's founder and main instructor was awarded 5th Dan Black Belt and Steve Cooper was awarded 3rd Dan Black Belt.

Students also passing grades were:

Alex Rose	Brown
Jamie Roach	Brown
Paul Foxon	Purple
Malcolm Rose	Green
Alex Vanderwheel	Green
Katy Roach	Green
Chris Fletcher	Orange
Holly Mee	Orange
Nicola Shenton	Orange
Chris Parker	Orange
Chris Ridley	Yellow
Matthew McClauy	Yellow

The club has been training in Ratby for 10 years but recently has had to move to Groby Community College due to the Chapel Rooms being sold.

Dave has been involved in Karate since 1957 and is a well known and respected instructor who gives the club a friendly atmosphere.

Anyone interested in coming along to train, keep fit or just to watch is welcome. Just phone Dave on 2334240 or Steve on 2386520

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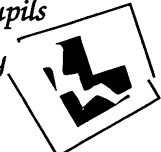
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Local Teacher Alison Ward had a wonderful and unexpected surprise just before Christmas last year.

Last October the year five class that Alison teaches at Groby's Lady Jane Grey Primary School entered a story writing competition organised by Ladybird books.

"The initial work began in October," explains Alison, who is in her second year of teaching, "the children had to decide on a storyline which reflected Ladybird's set theme of 'Magic, myths, and legends.' The stories had to have a title and a maximum of five hundred words. Our school encourages the children to be creative, so it was no surprise that stories of enchanted forests, magic carpets and mysterious powers quickly emerged."

The enthusiasm of the children is reflected in the fact that a few of them became so involved in their work that rather than relishing the October break as a time for rest and play they actually chose to take their stories home for the week to develop them further! After lots of dedicated re-drafting, checking for spellings, capitals and full stops most of the stories were completed in time for the deadline.

"I was really impressed with my class," continues Alison "they all worked incredibly hard; re-drafting can be a laborious job, so I was really pleased with their efforts. I thought the quality of the stories was excellent, and they were also illustrated very well. In fact it was very tempting to keep them and not send them to Ladybird after all!"

As the weeks went by, Alison became resigned to the possibility that the children's hard work might not be recognised, but then...

"I couldn't believe it when Ladybird telephoned to say that out of over 1,200 stories entered from 43 schools we had actually won 2nd prize! It's fantastic that we did so well. Two of the stories from my class were picked out as outstanding - 'The Magic Note' by Sophie Jarzeowski and 'The Magic Football Boots' by Louis Dodds."



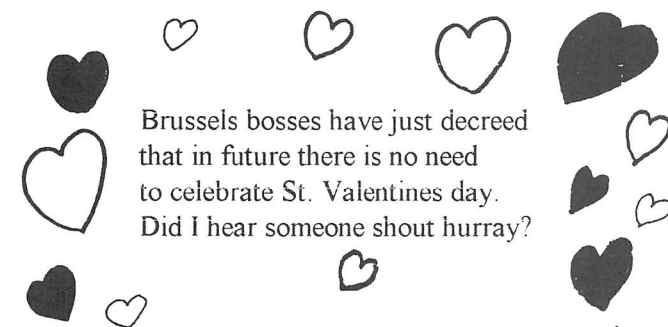
Dear Editor,

I feel I must call you to task with regard to the letter published in the last edition of Wot, referring to the Ratby Gourd Society and a chance encounter at an airport. Not only were your facts regarding the airport incorrect, it was in fact East Midlands and not Heathrow, but the description of my gourd as substandard was both hurtful and inaccurate! This was of course only my "travel gourd" and as with all travel items such as irons and kettles was merely a small replica of the real thing! I can assure you that my gourds are of the highest quality and are impressive in their size.

Yours Gourdiaily,

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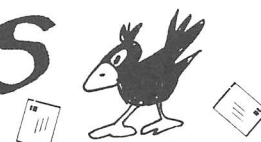
Wot can I say. No wonder we are considered a third rate nation by many if English travellers are taking, "merely small replicas of the real things" abroad. We should be out there showing off the real high quality, impressive ones. How can you explain to peoples beyond our shores that this is only a "travel" one, when no doubt they have one twice the size!



Brussels bosses have just decreed that in future there is no need to celebrate St. Valentines day. Did I hear someone shout hurray?

Remember we can only print letters when a name and address is supplied

Letters



LOROS LEICESTERSHIRE HOSPICE 1996 HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION

Once again the people of **Ratby** have shown their support for LOROS by their generous donations during the recent House to House collection.

I am pleased to report that the House to House collection in **Ratby** amounted to **£752.83**. This enabled **£4,509.75** to be raised in the **Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council** area.

On behalf of LOROS, may I thank everyone who so generously contributed, and special appreciation to the many dedicated collectors who so willingly gave their time to deliver and collect the envelopes.

Since the Hospice opened in 1985 over 9,000 patients and their families have been supported, and it is only through the ongoing generosity and support of local people that LOROS has been able to finance this care. To continue in the future we need to increase the amounts we collect but can only do so with the support of local people. The date for **Hinckley & Bosworth** is **30th August - 13th September 1997**. If you can help please let us know, tel: Janet or John on 0116 255 5530.

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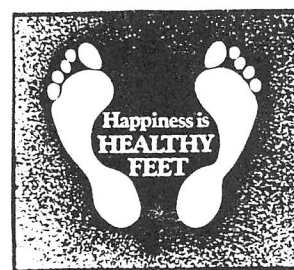
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Grandpa's Ode to his Grandchildren

This poem has been kindly contributed by Mrs Janet Gutteridge (née Shipman).

It was written in around 1937 - 1938 for Janet and her brother John. As children they often spent holidays with their grandparents at the 'Curzon Arms', the pub they ran in Woodhouse Eaves. The windmill was recently pictured in the Leicestershire Mercury. It was destroyed by fire on the 15th April 1945.

Janet and John's father was the renowned Leicestershire cricketer, Alan Shipman. He and his wife ran the 'Bulls Head' in Ratby for many years following his retirement from cricket due to injury.

*They Fetched us in the car from home,
Our eyes danced with delight.
As through the lanes and fields we went,
We saw many a pretty sight.*

*And so we got to Woodhouse Eaves,
In Grandpa's nice new car.
You would have smiled as we scrambled out,
To kiss our Grand Mama.*

*Next day we went a hunting,
And saw the hounds afar,
And so on to the Reservoir,
In Grand pap's new car.*

*Then suddenly we heard a bell,
A ringing O'er the water,
So asked Grandpa to take us,
His Grandson and Granddaughter.*

*To see the Holy Fathers,
And see the House of God,
Built by the Holy men themselves,
And cut out from the sod.*

*Good Morning father, said young John,
Good Morning Son, Said he.
I'm very glad to see you here,
And what might your name be.*

*So when he said his name was John,
The Father he did say,
Saint John was our Lord's dear friend,
And hoped young John could pray.*

*So John stood in the corner
With eyes and hands clasped tight.
And in that very holy place,
He prayed with all his might.*

*The father gave his blessing,
His emotion tried to hide,
And gave John a lovely medal,
With our Lord stamped on the side.*

*When we got up next morning,
Our faces all aglow,
And from our bedroom window,
We saw quite a foot of snow.*

*Grandma helped us on the lawn,
To make a big snow man,
Uncle Ted advised us,
As only big men can.*

*Then cousin Doreen took us to,
The famous Windmill Hill,
Where rollicking Winter breezes blow,
And our young lungs we fill.*

*Now down the hill we scamper,
Our faces all aglow,
And so back to the Curzon Arms,
A nestling down below.*

*To gather round the table,
Auntie Bet had set for tea,
We ate all that we were able,
Of the fruit and cakes we see.*

*And when it came to evening,
Upstairs we sped to bed,
And on our knees we thanked our God,
As evening prayers we said.*

*We saw relations by the score,
All upright and manly,
Uncle Cotton, Snow and Ben,
And Great Grand papa Standley.*

*And so our Xmas holidays close,
For when alls said and done,
There's no place at all like home,
And our darling Dad and Mum.*

*So thank you Grandpapa and Ma,
And Uncle Ted and Bet,
For the loving care you gave to us,
We never shall forget.*

*the time we had at Woodhouse Eaves,
In fine weather, snow and rain,
We spent them all in happiness,
And hope we shall again.*

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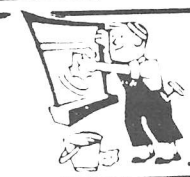
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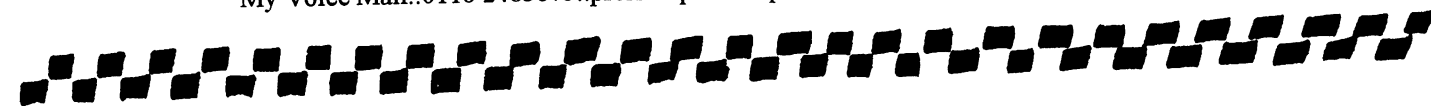
A belated Happy New Year to all in Ratby. I am just recalling some incidents that happened over the last year and would like to make some comments about things that occurred.

In relation to some of the Neighbourhood Watches they need a resident to act as a co-ordinator/contact person, so if you are able to do this, please come forward. Also if any area is interested in forming a Neighbourhood Watch then please contact me for details. It is a worth while thing to do but it does mean that people in a Watch have to play an active part in Crime Prevention. This can be upgrading one's security to taking note of suspicious persons or vehicles, to detaining suspects but in all cases there is liaison with the Police. A healthy Neighbourhood Watch is one that is alert to things happening.

I hope during this year that the N.H.W. can play a bigger part in the prevention of crime in Ratby, by being active and passing any information on to me or Beaumont Control in order that it can be acted on promptly.

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Methodist Church, Ratby

Our comments may seem a little remote, but the sequence of WOT publications did not allow us the opportunity to say an important thank you until now.

We refer to our Christmas Fayre, held late November 1996, gratefully at the Welfare Hall, when we received an unbelievable amount of support from village folk and others.

Our Development Fund benefited by over a thousand pounds from the occasion and our morale boosted by at least ten times that amount!

Raffle prize winners were :-

- 1st Mr G Tomlinson of Stamford Street
- 2nd Mr R Johnson of Gilbank Drive
- 3rd Mrs A Higwell of Whittington Drive

and there were 98 sweets in the jar correctly guessed by Mrs M Green of Markfield Road.

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A word to the young people of Ratby and it's RESPECT. This, in today's meaning can be of a slightly different interpretation to that what parent or older people know. However, all in all, it has only one meaning and that is everyone should be concerned for the feelings and fears of everyone else. This ranges from being noisy at night to causing minor damage. One of the best ways of judging your own action is to think would your Grandparents like this thing you are doing.

On the point of causing damage, there were some incidents on Halloween of youngsters throwing eggs and flour at houses and cars. This sort of behaviour is not wanted, it's not a point of being a killjoy, but to do this sort of thing as a trick is OTT. It caused some distress to the people on whom it was inflicted. Again, would those responsible have liked their nan and granddad to have received such treatment, I think not. So in future, don't do it.

In talking about respect it should not be forgotten that the youngsters should also be given respect. I hope that all will give assistance to the setting up of a youth club/meeting place for them. At least then we will know the children are, as when they go out in the evening do you know where they are, other than hanging around street corners.

Finally, one further comment, and it's about the traffic in Ratby. There have been complaints made regarding the speeding, the mini roundabouts, and parking in and through the village. All I will say is that if local people comply, in their own cars, with speed and signs then this will make any cars following in the line of traffic comply, especially in relation to speed.

I will be hopefully counting on everyones help to keep Ratby a delightful place to live and work in.

Stuart Mason
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That isn't a pie in the oven you know,
the baking she does now is ceramic.

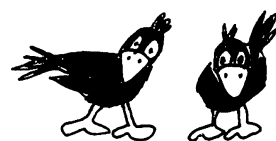
You won't see her retiring early to bed
From her worn easy chair in the nook,
Her computer clicks madly half through the night.
For Grandma is writing a book.

To-day Grandma never takes one backward look,
To slow down her steady advancing
She won't tend the kids for you any more
Your mother has taken up dancing.

She isn't content with crumbs of old thought
with meagre and second hand knowledge
Don't bring your mending for Grandma to do
For Grandma has gone back to college.

Wonderful. I hope that's me in a few years! Me?

*From Eileen M MacKenzie, Cosby who received
the poem from a friend living in Canada. She wanted
to share it with her, "Grandma" and friends in Ratby.*



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Cornish Pasties

Short Crust Pastry

4 oz (110grs) flour - preferably plain
1 oz (25 grs) lard
1 oz (25 grs) block margarine
Pinch of salt
About 1 tablespoon cold water

Filling

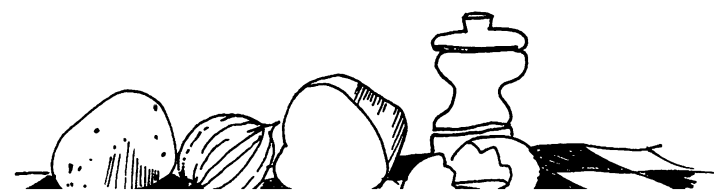
4 - 6 oz (110 - 175 grs) fresh steak
(chuck, shoulder or shirt)
Cut into small pieces - no fat or gristle
1 medium potato - finely sliced
1 small onion - finely chopped
1 small pieces of swede - finely chopped (optional)
Pepper and salt to taste
Beaten egg to glaze

Method

1. Make pastry and leave in fridge for 15 minutes
2. Roll out pastry - cut into 4 equal rounds -
measure with saucer
3. Share out potato to middle of round
4. Layer meat on top - add salt and pepper
5. Place onion and swede on top of meat
6. Damp half edges of pastry and press gently but
firmly together to seal
7. Crimp edge to form a rope like edge
8. Place on baking sheet and carefully brush with
beaten egg
9. Relax them 10 minutes
10. Bake in top half of oven for 10 minutes on Gas
No 7, 425F, 220C
Then lower to Gas No 4, 350F, 180C for further
30 - 40 minutes
Cover with foil if browning too quickly

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