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About Ratby

PUBLISHED BY THE RATBY SCOUT GROUP

A hundred Golden Daffodils

Children from Ratby Primary School recently planted 100 daffodil bulbs on the verges around the Library. The group are members of the school's Green Club, organised by teacher Mrs June Morris. They meet regularly outside lesson times to undertake environmental projects, such as the restoration of the school nature area. The bulbs were bought by the Ratby Parish Council from the Marie Curie Cancer Care Charity.



Pictured are the children with Mrs June Morris, Mrs Glenys Lewis, Headteacher, and Mrs M Joyce, and Mrs Maureen Martin of the Parish Council.

Photograph taken by Parish Councillor
Mr Alan Withers.

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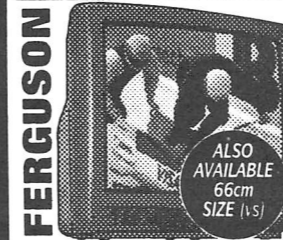
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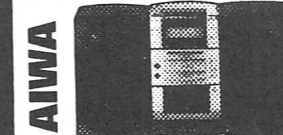
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Cottagers Walk is used by people from the Dane Hill area and a short time ago a young Mother wrote to you complaining about her child walking through "dog mess" in Cottagers Walk on the way to school.

Thursday evening, October 30th, this walkway is full of "dog mess" again, and it looks as if some of the children coming home from School have trodden in it.

I live by this walkway and I am fed up of trying to keep this small area of Ratby tidy, so in future please take your dog's mess home with your dog and take your rubbish to the litter bin.

Brenda Leavis.



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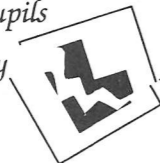
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We have hired the Market Bosworth Swimming Pool at Desford for four, 1 hour swimming sessions on Saturdays from 1pm - 2pm.

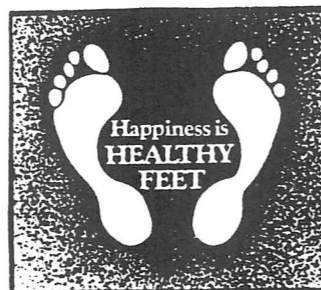
All sections, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and their parents, are invited to take part in all the four swimming sessions (28th February, 25th April, 27th June, and 22nd August). The cost of each one hour session will be £1.00 per person, payable at the door on the day.

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Coming soon in these popular afternoons are stories and activities based on celebrations! There will be Valentines, Mothers Day crafts and of course Easter!

The Club is organised by Sue Poynor and she says she would welcome contributions of materials from parents or other villagers. One parent has donated some glue sticks, but the Club would be pleased to receive paper, card, crayons and pencils.

There is no charge for the sessions which run on Tuesday afternoon from 2 - 3 p.m. Children aged 3 to 3½ can join the Club, so come along and add your children's names to the waiting list. The Club aims to provide an hour of enjoyment for children!

Ratby is lucky to have two willing volunteers in Sue and Ann Day to continue this tradition.

So support them!



One rabbit still waiting to go home

Valentine

In medieval times people believed that birds began to pair on February 14th. Many customs grew up, as well as the one we know today of sending cards to loved ones.

Valentine buns, money, apples or oranges were sometimes given to children or old people. In some places children went from door to door singing for gifts:-

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The 1997 programme concluded in high spirits with a November evening full of mirth when David and Betty Hulme presented a laboriously prepared Fun Quiz. Members arranged themselves at tables into five competing teams. Under such circumstances it is purely by chance as to whether ones team colleagues are knowledgeable in the particular subjects featured in each round, for it has been said that the only hard question is merely the one which you, personally, cannot answer!

The teams were asked to choose for themselves a title - The Toy Boys and the Old Spice Girls were two - before the first section, based on history, geography, dates etc was tackled. A railway connections game had everyone chasing around the room before the tea interval which was followed by a further inquisition, this time on titles, and composers, of popular classical music, the tunes of which were so infuriatingly familiar but the names just out of mind.

During the intermission a hilarious diversion had taken place when former Chairman Dennis Green was presented with six bottles of wine by Michael Hardy, who had made a large quantity of the brew from a donation of grapes by Dennis in the Autumn of 1996. Audrey Hardy had composed a very witty poem entitled "Dennis's Downfall" which she rendered with much feeling! If a certain hitherto highly respected native of Ratby is seen, in future, going about in an unsteady state the reason will not be hard to imagine.

As for the quiz, the outcome was quite academic, being won handsomely by the team called 'Old and Mild' the members of which, out of all due modesty, will remain nameless.



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The recent tree planting event on Woodland Trust land, Pear Tree Farm. This planting will link the Martinshaw Wood to the Burroughs.

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and look in vain at its set face.
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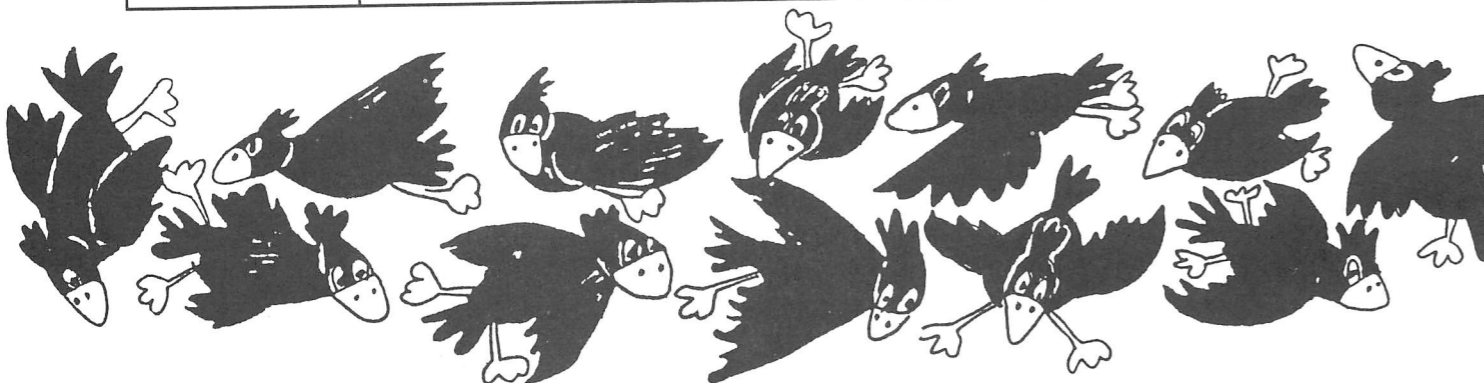
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March 11 th	"Loros"	Janet Griffin
April 8 th	"Thomas Cook"	Mr Seaton
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23 BEAT

By now, many of you will be aware that Ratby village is being policed by not one but two police officers who have been patrolling Ratby since December '97. Your new beat officers are PC 4075 Julia SHOWELL and PC 1063 Rob SHOWELL.

Rob and Julia are a husband and wife Team with the prime responsibility of policing Ratby village but they also have the task of helping PC 4217 Hazel FOSSEY who is the beat officer for the neighbouring village of Groby. This should prove to be a significant advantage as Ratby and Groby 'share' many things including some of their problems.

Both Rob and Julia are keen to be integrated into the village and want to be seen to provide a high profile and high quality service to the residents of Ratby. One of their first steps is to relaunch Ratby Neighbourhood Watch which appears to have dwindled recently.

Neighbourhood Watch has many benefits and is based on the 'good neighbour' concept and encourages householders to:-

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- If you are interested in starting a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your area then please do not hesitate in contacting either Rob or Julia. Details of how to do this are at the end of this article.

As a resident of Ratby, your opinion as to what you want from your beat officers would be appreciated and carefully considered. Suggestions such as - see more of a police presence on the streets, have already been addressed and both Rob and Julia are making every effort to be seen walking about the village and talking to the community.

Would you like:

- a public meeting
- a surgery where you can visit and talk to your officers
- is there a specific problem that needs addressing

Please come forward with your ideas. You can contact either Rob or Julia at Beaumont Local Policing Unit on telephone number 0116 2222222 extension 3250 or leave them a message on their voice mail box system which can be accessed as follows..

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NOTE: In case of difficulty, wait for further instructions.

Both Rob and Julia look forward to seeing you in and around the village and would thank you in anticipation of your support.

PC's Rob and Julia Showell.

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½ oz (15gr) Butter or oil
1½ - 2 oz (30-50gr) Tasty cheese
Salt and Pepper to taste
1 Large egg or 2 yolks
¼ Pint (150ml) Milk or
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Method

1. Make pastry, roll into a circle
and line greased 6 or 7 inch
flan ring or sandwich tin -
pressing gently to exclude air
bubbles. Leave to rest for
10 minutes.
2. Put baking tray in centre of
oven to heat, before placing
quiche in oven.
3. Fry onions and bacon in butter
slowly until just turning colour.
4. Beat egg in a jug and add cheese,
salt, pepper and milk.
5. Add onions and bacon.
6. Pour into pastry case.
7. Bake for 10 minutes at gas mark 6,
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