



Wot! About Ratby



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WINNING SMILES



Charles Rogers, Chairman of Ratby Parish Council pictured after presenting Garden Vouchers to winners of the Spring Garden contest. On the left Mrs Lilian Clarke who won 2nd prize and Ted Sharman who came 2nd was away on holiday and missed the presentation. Congratulations to the winners and the highly commended runners up.

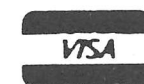


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LIBRARY CLUB IS 1 YEAR OLD!!

On the 4th June last year, Ratby Library opened its doors for the first time to the Ratby Library Club and to celebrate the first anniversary, a party is being held on Tuesday, 23rd June (1.30pm and 3.00pm) at the library instead of a "normal" club session.

The theme will be "nursery rhymes" and the children may wear fancy dress if they wish, although due to their age, this will be entirely optional.

The children who have left to attend primary school on a part-time basis have also been invited back for that afternoon.

Although the weekly attendance figures show how popular the library club is with the under-5's, its also interesting to note that of the 31 sessions which have been held as at the end of last term, 2 children by virtue of their age (not to mention good health, etc), have managed to attend all of them, namely Stella Astill, Ben Charnock and Sarah Couling has achieved 30 out of 31 sessions - well done to all of you.

The party on the 23rd June will mark the final session of the term before the summer break and library club will open again on Tuesday, 8th September, 1992. Parents will be contacted by letter regarding available places from the waiting list before the summer break begins.



MAGNIFICENT CLIVIA

It is hard to believe that this amazing plant was once thrown away in a dustbin! Rescued 4 years ago by Elsie Lissaman's sister, it has since continued to thrive!

Elsie and Cliff are justifiably proud of this specimen, which this year has borne a total of 19 flowers!

For those who don't know, the Clivia is a native of Natal in South Africa, and member of the daffodil family.

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RATBY PLAYGROUP



To everyone who supported a child taking part in the Ratby Playgroup's sponsored Brick build. We had hoped to raise £200 to start us off on getting enough money to buy a new home corner (cooker, washing machine, sink unit etc.) as the present one is very old and literally falling to pieces. However, the grand total reached now is £937! We are overwhelmed by the support.

We now have the job of going through all the catalogues to find furniture suitable to withstand being played with by 24 children, five days a week. There isn't much of it about.

We have our fourth annual Playscheme coming up commencing on Monday 3rd August for the week. The forms will be out at school soon for the children 8 years and under. As the numbers allowed at the Playscheme are limited, please return your application form as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Any adult willing to help out during the week should contact Linda Evans, 386347 or Tracey Jarvis. The more help, the better the Playscheme for the children.

We are now in the process of sorting out the register for Playgroup for the autumn term. There are still a couple of places available. If your child is 3 years old before 31.8.92 and you wish to reserve a place at Playgroup, please contact Lesley Chevin 386605 or Linda Evans 386347 as soon as possible.

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Ratby Village Society

JUNE JULY AUGUST EVENTS

JUNE 21st Sunday A visit to the Carillon at Loughborough. Using own transport. Meet at Carillon, Queens Park by 2.0 pm. Entrance fee 50p.

JULY No meeting

AUGUST 11th The Work of the R.N.L.I. An illustrated talk by Mr Geoff. Mee

August meeting in the Welfare Hall, Main St, Ratby at 8.0 pm. All welcome to attend.

OFF WITH ITS HEAD A FULL PINT OF BEER

Legislation has been introduced which will ensure beer and cider drinkers get a full pint.

However, they will have to wait until April, 1994. Many pints (and 1/2 pints) served at present with a frothy head actually consist of less than full measure. The period to April 1994 will give publicans plenty of time to prepare to make sure drinkers get what they pay for. If a pint is ordered, a pint of liquid beer is what they should get.

THINKING ABOUT TEACHING?

Promoting the county as an ideal area in which to train and teach is Leicestershire County Council's top priority. In line with this a Teacher Education Unit has now been set up at Beaumanor Hall, Old Woodhouse.

Cherry Fulloway of the Teachers Education Unit said: "We want to hear from people in Leicestershire - whether they are interested in taking up teaching as a career or if they are thinking of returning to teaching after a career break".



THE RATBY CO-OPERATIVE BAND

This year the Ratby Co-operative Band are organising the, "Crowpie Carnival" on Saturday August 8th. There will be a parade from Markfield Lane down through the estate to the Ferndale Drive play area and we would like to invite people and groups to take part in this parade.

We would also like to invite people and companies to place advertisements in the programme that we are producing for the Carnival.

Would any groups from the village like to put on a display on the field during the afternoon? If so then please contact us.

If you are able to take part in the parade, would like to place an advert in the programme or know of a group that would like to perform on the field would you please contact Mrs. Sheralyn Newman on Leicester 313145.



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POLICE/COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The latest meeting for Beaumont Sub Division was held in Ratby Welfare Hall on March 4th. Charles Rogers, Chairman of Ratby Parish Council and Mr S Hickenbotham for Ratby Neighbourhood Watch were present. Sixteen Ratby villagers also came along.

There was considerable discussion about problems caused by youth in the sub-division and The Chairwoman Mrs Brock suggested that a special meeting could be arranged to discuss this issue further.

Detective Chief Inspector Watson presented a review of crime figures. The figures for Beaumont Division showed an increase in crime of only 17.6% in 1991 compared to an increase of 24.1% in the Force as a whole.

The figures for theft are even more heartening, with an actual reduction of 4.9%.

The most dramatic achievements involved auto crime. From July to December 1991 there had been a reduction of 4.9% in car thefts. This was the result of a special crime unit of six officers working in plain clothes.

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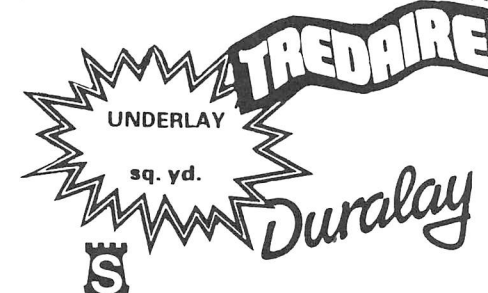
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7.00 TILL 9.00 PM SUNDAY EVENING

These were just some of the topics discussed. The next meeting will be held at Babington Community College, Strasbourg Drive, Beaumont Leys on Wednesday 10th June at 7.30 p.m. Ratby people are welcome at this meeting.

Charles Rogers thanked the committee for meeting at Ratby and hoped they would do so again in the future.

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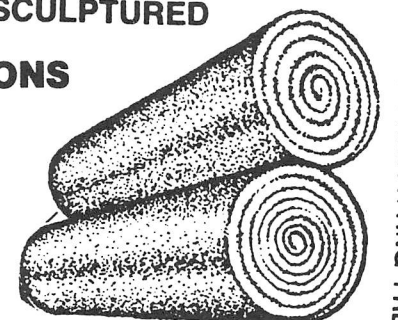
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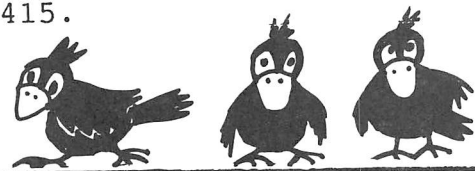
The Director of Leicestershire's Trading Standards Department warns:

"These letters appear to be timed to arrive when senior staff in companies are like to be on leave. Junior staff may easily get the impression that an order has already been placed. My advice is to alert your staff to the possibility of these documents and only reply if you really want to be included".

"It is difficult to check if the companies concerned actually publish the directories as most are based abroad; Germany, Switzerland and Lichtenstein being favourite bases".

The message is "If in doubt - chuck it out".

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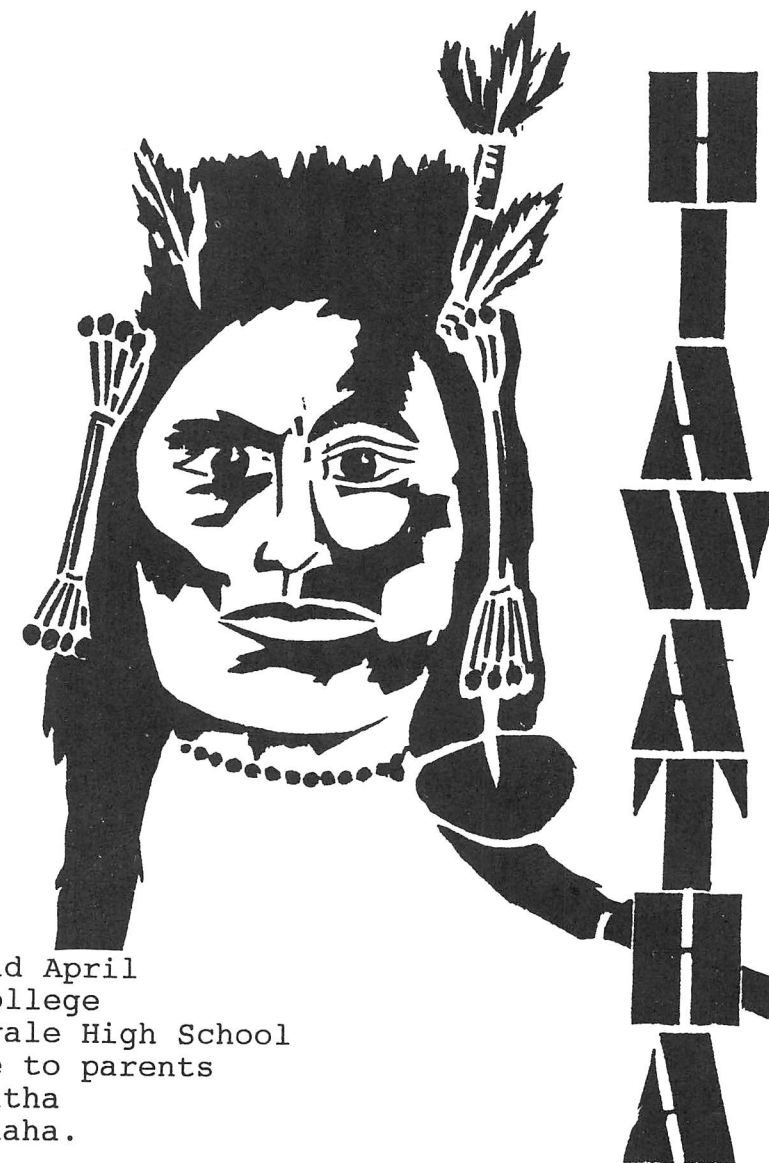
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beats
Learned the story of Ojibways
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On that raining night in April
Gave a wonderful performance
Told the tale that matters always
Told the tale of tribal ways
How Gitchi Manitu the mighty
Weary of the wars and bloodshed
Called for peace amongst the people.

On that new moon rain soaked April
Students overwhelmed the audience
With their story, song and dance.

(With apologies to Longfellow)

Students from Ratby
who took part:-

Sarah Mukaddam
Annette Roche
Gary Ford
Liam Sargeant
Amy Boud
Siobhan Woodward

Poster/Programme design - Duncan McCaslin

Ratby Parish Council

Summer Front Garden Competition 1992

Nominations for this competition should reach the Parish Clerk no later than

Friday July 24th

Judging will take place during the week beginning July 27th.

Judges will be Mr and Mrs P Day of Anstey, members of Cropston and Thurcaston Gardening Club.

Spring Front Garden Competition

The presentation of awards took place at the Parish Council Meeting on April 7th. The Chairman, Councillor Rogers congratulated the successful residents and informed us that the standard had been very high.

Tribute to Mrs Pat Butler, County Councillor for Ratby and Groby

The Parish Council paid tribute to Pat Butler. Councillor Rogers spoke of Mrs Butler's dedicated work in representing the villages.

Informal meeting with Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council planning officers and representatives of the National Rivers Authority - NRA

This meeting was held to clarify planning issues on areas of washland of the Rothley Brook and its tributaries. The Parish council also showed a video recording containing evidence of a black liquid entering the little brook. A representative of the NRA said that unconsented discharge can be the subject of prosecution. He advised the Council that any such evidence should be reported immediately by telephone to the NRA.

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The only commercial site in this area having consent to permitted effluent discharge into the Rothley Brook is Alexander Stone.

Full details of this meeting can be read in the minutes for April 7th held at Ratby Library.

Annual Parish Meeting

This was held on Tuesday 28th April in the Welfare Hall. No members of the public were present. The Chairman's report and balance sheet for the financial year 1991/92 can be read in the library, together with the Sacheverell Trust accounts.

In this report the Chairman gave thanks to maintenance man, Mr Owen Palmer for his work during the year, and also to the Parish Clerk, Mrs Linda Laywood for performing her duties in a 'dedicated, thorough and competent manner'.

Recreation and Leisure

Each year the Parish Council receives complaints about children and youths causing a nuisance by playing football close to housing.

The Council have now marked out a football area on the former tennis court at Ferndale Drive, and railway sleeper goals will shortly be erected.

Whenever possible it would be helpful if parents could encourage older children to make use of this facility and other open spaces on the recreation areas.



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Ratby Parish Council

Litter bin

A new litter bin has been installed by Mr Owen Palmer to replace the original which was damaged by vandalism.

Slide at Burroughs Recreation Area

A safety 'cage' has been installed on this slide in line with current British Standards

Village Improvements

Flower tubs

Ratby Rainbows have kindly undertaken to purchase plants and establish a flower tub to brighten up the Welfare Hall! Well done Rainbows.

Part time Gardener

The Parish Council was appointed a part-time gardener to maintain landscaping throughout the village. He has been clearing the ground beneath hedgerow planted at Ferndale Drive and weeding the new planting at Markfield Road corner.

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D PLACES

BRADLEY MOORE

the Marvin family, having arrived from Dowlais, near Merthyr Tydfil to teach at Ratby School. Later she became deputy head at Kirby Muxloe school.

Sadly, Mrs Moore, who was 85 in May is now resident in a nursing home, suffering from Alzheimers disease.

The couple bought their house on Station Road in 1936. It had originally been built for Alan Shipman, who had moved to the "Bulls Head".

Bradley left the 'Wolsey' to train as a toolmaker. His first job was for Daimler in Coalville, until the end of the 2nd World War, when Daimler moved to Coventry. He then joined the Auster Aircraft Company, and worked in their experimental section at Rearsby.

Later he joined Ratby Engineering (where Cardinal Broach is now) and set up their tool room for them in Peckleton. At that time, Ratby Engineering made machines for manufacturing fishing nets.

Besides his distinguished working life, Bradley has been a District Councillor for 16 years and a Parish Councillor for 26.

After their retirement in the same year, he and his wife enjoyed travelling. He is proud of his driving record. In all the years from his first car, a 1928 Austin 7 to his 1978 Ford Escort of today, he has never lost his no-claims bonus!!

The photograph we printed in 'April' WOT of Ratby Old Boys Football Team prompted Mr Bradley Moore of Station Road to ring us up. He can identify everyone in this picture.



Back row

Standing on the left is W.S. Baker, headmaster of Ratby School, then moving across the row; Tom Wigglesworth, Bradley Moore himself, Cliff Lissaman, ? Richards, Tommy Hunt and Billy James.

Middle row

Left to right:

Tom Richards, Wilfred Pendery, Kenneth Wigglesworth, Chris Tomlinson and Wilfred Taylor, who, together with Bradley Moore are the only two still alive.

Front row

Left to right - Cyril Lissaman, Wilfred Marvin, and then either Herbert Dunford or Amos York.

Mr Moore tells us that he was at one time goalkeeper and the secretary of the Old Boys, the village team which took part in Leicester City league matches. He says they also used to play in the fields behind Groby Road/Markfield Lane.

This second photograph he has lent to WOT can also be seen enlarged on the wall at Ratby Sports Club.



Back row

Billy James, Tom Wigglesworth, Bradley Moore, Chris Tomlinson

Middle row

Cliff Lissaman, Tom Richards, Wilfred Pendery

Front row

Herbert Dunford, Wilfred Marvin, Cyril Lissaman, Amos York and Wilfred Taylor

Bradley Moore was born in Melrose Villa, 33 Station Road on July 26th 1902.

Here he is aged 1½ in a photograph taken at the Neal Brothers Studio which was to the rear of former buildings on the Co-op site.



The Moores were a Ratby family. Bradley's father was born in Chapel Lane, opposite what was the saddle-makers. His mother had been born in the end house at Staffords Yard. His Dad was known as 'young Dodger Moore' - Grandad being (of course), Old Dodger Moore, who used to sell rabbits and poultry.

Uncle Billy Moore was known as Billy Tumbler and lived in the farm opposite Freemans, the Butcher.

He recalls vividly the building of the Methodist Chapel in 1910, when, only 8 years old he help to lay the stone which bear his name - G.B. Moore. He is now the only person living whose name appears on those foundations stones.

Although christened George, he has always been known as Bradley. He was named after a Kirby Muxloe lady, a family friend. Mrs Bradley-Hughes had tragically drowned whilst trying to save a child at Mablethorpe.

PEOPLE AND

AN INTERVIEW WITH

Many Ratby holidaymakers may have seen the Bradley-Hughes shelter built to commemorate her courage on the sea front there. Younger brother, Lawson was named after a minister.

Bradley attended the village school when Diggory Nicholas was Head. He remembers writing on slates in the infant class. Mrs Nicholas was Head of the Infants, and 'codger' Hunt was an uncertificated teacher who also worked as a reporter for the Mercury.

Another vivid recollection is of the day when the First World War was declared. He was a newspaper delivery boy and recalls standing by the petrol station (now County Travel) on the morning of August 4th 1914. 'Prince' Sutton came by and asked "has war been declared lad? - Well I expect I shall have to go."

He left school at the age of 13 and was expected to work with his father at Tylers in Stamford Street (later 'Wolsey'). For two weeks he worked for nothing to learn the job. His first week's wage was 2s 6d.

When Bradley's father took ill in 1918, he took over his machine, and became the youngest ever operator at the age of 16. He and Wilf Taylor used to go into work on Sundays to make stockings for the household at Buckingham Palace.

Lawson Moore worked as a milkman's lad for Percy Geary before starting work at the Wolsey, where he later became Manager.

Their father also ran a hairdressers' shop (where 'Julies' is now) and Bradley remembers leaving work on Wednesdays to take down a sugar bowl full of pennies for their change.

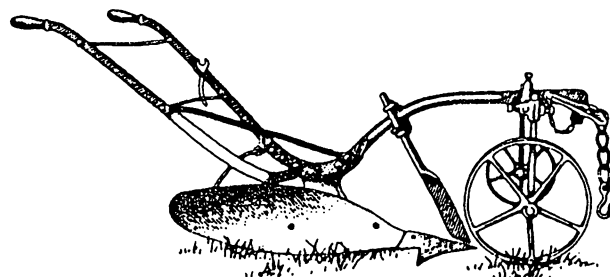
Whilst living at Melrose Villa he enjoyed making wedding cakes for a hobby. Gearys had bought the bakery from Copsons, and the cakes would be baked in their ovens when they had cooled down on Sundays. Even so, the cakes still needed to be surrounded by a layer of bran. He has made and decorated cakes for many of the Geary family.

Bradley Moore's own wedding was held on Boxing Day 1936. He met his future wife, Annie (known as Nancy) Walters through the Chapel. Nancy taught in the Sunday school. At that time she was living with

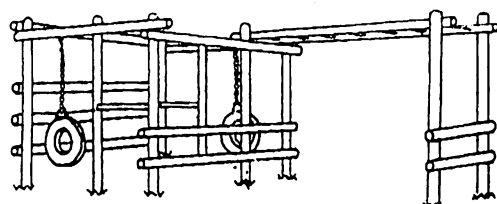
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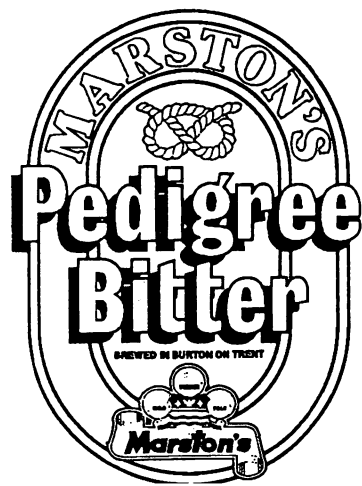
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MENU



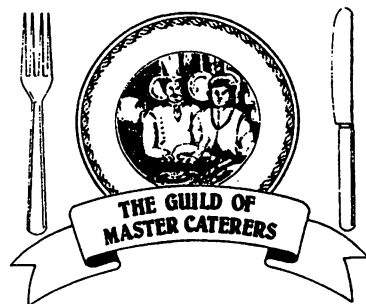
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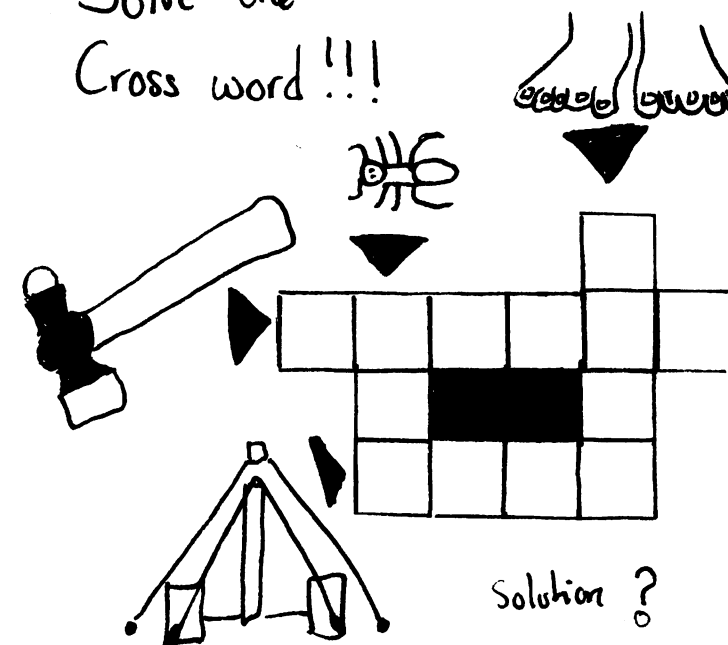
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CROWPIE CHILDREN'S PAGE

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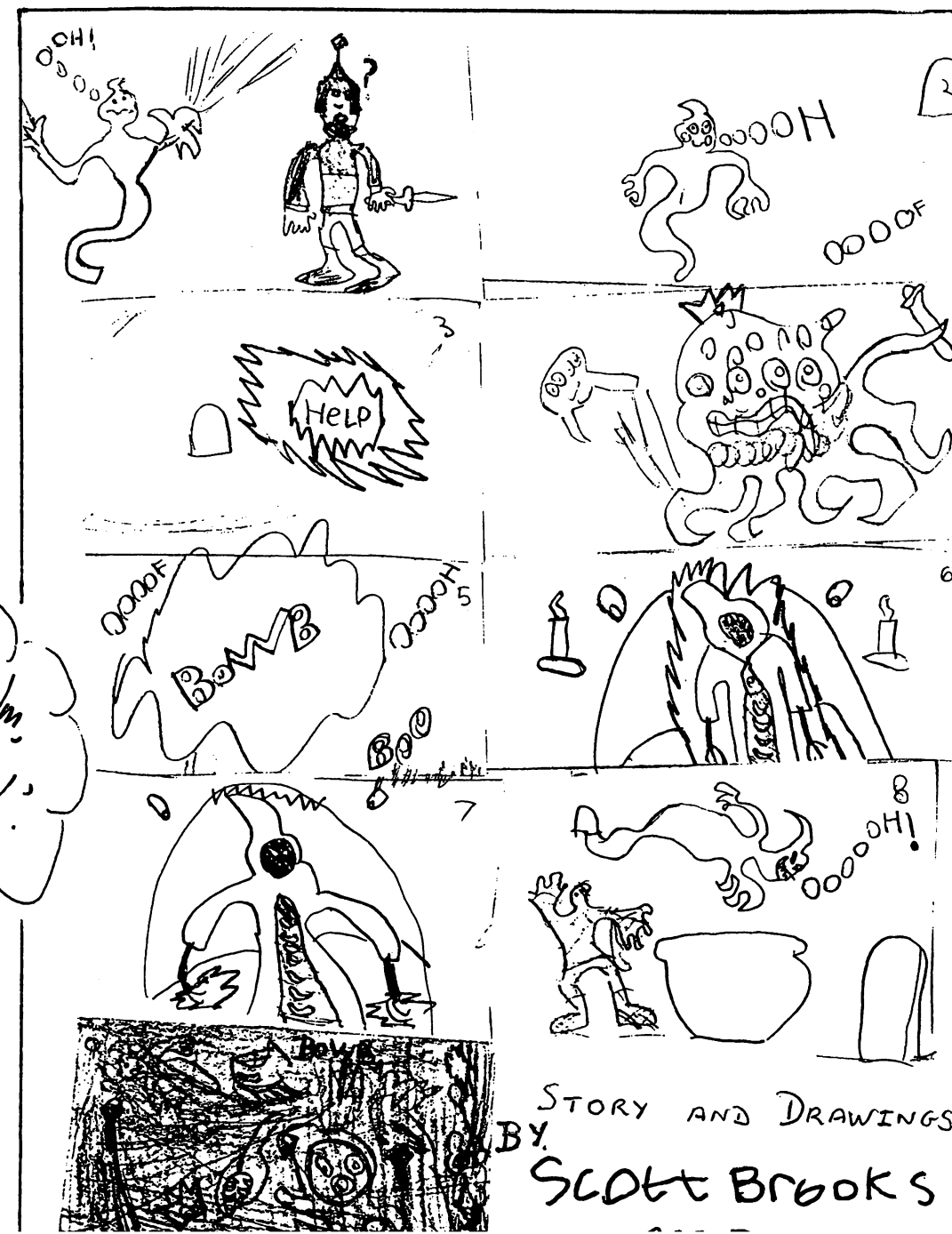


Solution ?

Two fish in a tank,
One says to the other,
"How do we drive this
thing?"

A Beans favourite film,
"Gone with the Wind"
!Rude!

Solution =
HAMMER
TENT



STORY AND DRAWINGS
BY
SCOTT BROOKS

2. PRIMARY BALLET

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Emma Bonner	HONS
Estelle Palmer	HONS
Sara Brookes	HONS

3. INTRO TO GRADE ONE BALLET

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Kelly Snowball	HONS
Katie Wain	H/COMM
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Hayley Botterill	H/COMM
Fiona Glover	DIST

DID YOU READ THE APRIL 'WOT'?

In the last issue we featured an article about Mr Johnson and his career with Premier Drum. We forgot to stick in the photograph caption!

Did any of you know who that young drummer was?

Yes - it was Phil Collins

Extra 6 Round Contest.

Slasher Hiron v Joe Gutteridge
(RATBY) (LEICESTER)
SURE TO BE A FIGHT.

Slasher Hiron

We've heard rumours that there has been a lot of talk about this Boxing Bill

Some people were at school with him.

Well - we'd like to hear about it!!
Why not phone in and tell us?

There's a lot of people who'd be interested to read about him - and about boxing in Ratby.

Perhaps there are other stories you could tell? Tales about your old school days, life in Ratby

Give us a ring we're always happy to come and listen - Phone 395179 or 394873. 45

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

May I through the WOT point out to some people of Ratby, especially those with dogs, that the Conifers Mobile Park is not a dogs toilet, it is PRIVATE PROPERTY. There is a notice at the Entrance - it is for Residents and Visitors only, but some people can't read the notice so I thought they would read this letter in the WOT.

The Conifers is not a through road for anyone either walking or cycling so if they would find some other route to take their dogs and themselves.

We don't want any more dogs fouling on this site, they wouldn't like it if people brought their dogs onto their property, to mess on their gardens and footpaths.

Thank you
CONIFER RESIDENT



Dear Editor

You may remember last year me telling you about my Welsh pen friend, Rhiannon Hendley.

In the Easter holidays me and my family went to Wales on holiday, I met Rhiannon. She is very nice. She gave me a fluffy rabbit and a box of chocolates. I gave her an English dragon made of pottery.

She wrote and thanked me for it. Rhiannon has two younger sisters Cerian and Angharad. Elizabeth Tyler is pen pals with Cerian and Sarah Tyler is pen pals with Angharad.

Is anybody still writing to their Welsh pen friends?

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Once again, the Ratby pupils of the Pat Sussenbach School of Dance achieved very high grades in their recent exams; the school continues its 100% pass rate, never having had any failures in the 21 years since having been established.

The principal of the school, Pat Sussenbach, known affectionately to her pupils as "Miss Pat", herself an examiner and adjudicator B.T.D.A., holds the Ratby classes in the Welfare Hall, Main Street, between 3.00pm and 6.00pm each Friday.

Her studio is on Glenfield Road East, St. Andrews Methodist Church Halls, where enrolment of the Ratby classes is held on Saturday mornings, from 10.00am to 1.00pm. She also teaches class lessons and stage class work at the studio each Saturday and in the village of Cosby during the week. Listed below are the results of the exams held at the studio during March:

P	= Pass
P/P	= Pass Plus
COMM	= Commended
H/COMM	= Highly Commended
HONS	= Honours
DIST	= Distinction

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Ruth Richards	COMM

2. SILVER MEDAL MIME

Kirsty Broad	DIST
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Louisa Snowball	H/COMM
Estelle Palmer	H/COMM
Emma bonner	HONS
Sara Brookes	H/COMM
Susanna Steptoe	DIST
Katie Wain	DIST
Lucy Sharp	HONS
Alex Evans	HONS
Lisa Wilcox	HONS

4. BRONZE MEDAL LYRICAL

Kerry Smith	DIST
Fiona Glover	DIST

5. GOLD MEDAL MIME

Rebecca McKellican	DIST
Melissa Clarke	DIST

1. PREPARATORY BALLET

Loren Glover	HONS
Rachel Moore	DIST
Sarah Laywood	HONS
Melissa Clarke	HONS
Laura Jones	HONS
Hannah Bland	HONS
Claire Astill	DIST
Rebecca McKellican	HONS
Catherine Woodward	HONS
Katie Smith	H/COMM
Dee Phillips	HONS

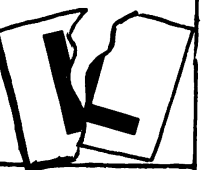


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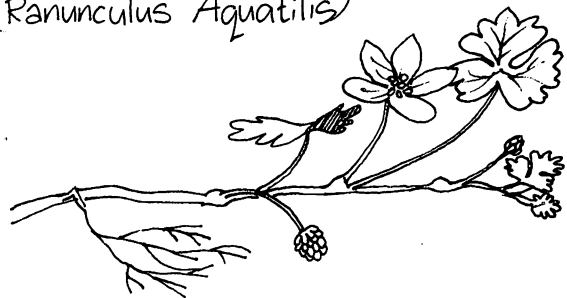
Janet's Jottings

BUTTERCUPS

Just a few facts about the rest of the butter cup family (Ranunculaceae). It is a large mixed family having at least 45 members growing in the wild. Gardeners have created many more hybrids, which do sometimes escape from captivity.

Buttercups have adapted to grow in all sorts of situations. During walks through Martinshaw Woods you should be able to find Marsh Marigold growing in the very muddy patches where you don't want to walk; a really proud and handsome plant, large obvious flowers and stiff solid leaves. Later on in the year shy and spindly Goldilocks will be found beside the rides. This plant often tries to disguise itself by mutating its petal formations. Sometimes shedding some of its petals as soon as the flower opens and other times the Nectarines grow to look like the petals - just look at its leaves and it won't be able to hoodwink you.

Common Water Crowfoot
(Ranunculus Aquatilis)



Water crowfoot is white flowered with a stem of about 1½ to 3 inches in length, as its name suggests it actually grows in fresh water, and the leaves have made adaptations as to whether the plant is living in a fast flowing stream or around the edges of a muddy pond. There are at least ten different leaf combinations and all have different names from common water crowfoot (Ranunculus aquatilis) to three lobed crowfoot (Ranunculus tripartitus).

Then of course there is the gardeners enemy - the creeping Buttercup - it gets every where.

Have you been into the field of Ridge and Furrow at the end of Cottagers Close? There you could find 3 different sorts of Buttercup. The Lesser Celendine, around the edges of the field and under the hedge. The Meadow Buttercup which likes to have its roots in damp soil will be growing in the furrows whilst on the top of the ridges you should find the Bulbous Buttercup. How will you know which is which if you haven't a Flora in your pocket? Well the easiest way is to look at the Sepals - Meadow Buttercup has erect sepals and the sepals belonging to the bulbous Buttercup are turned down.

Here are a few more jottings about Buttercups.

The yellow and white wild water lilies are the largest of the English family and the water crowfoots the smallest. Christmas Roses (Hellebore Niger) are cousins so



Ranunculus
Bulbosus

Ranunculus Acris
Meadow Buttercup

too are Travellers Joy (Clematis Vitalba), Meadow Rue (Thalictrum Flavum), Monks Hood (Aconitum Napellus) and the lovely wind flower or wood anemone (anemone nemorosa).

If you are lucky enough to visit Austria and walk in the Mountains and Woods, there you will see Hepatica Nobilis a truly beautiful noble blue "Buttercup" with 3 lobed leaves.

I must stop jotting for this issue, so I can start for the next.

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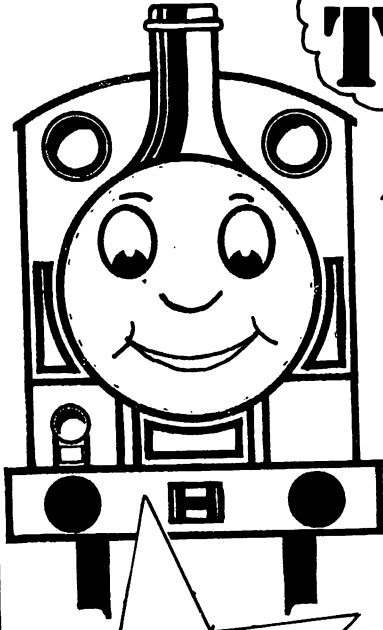
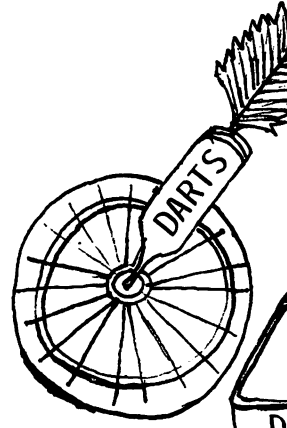
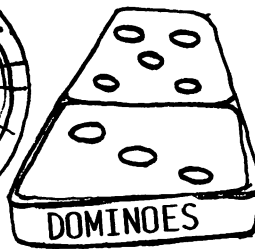
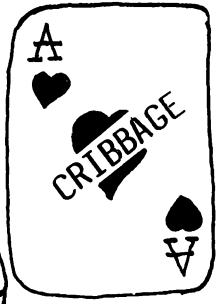
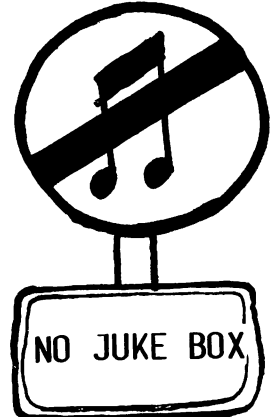
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RATBY SCHOOL NEWS

Ratby School Parent/Governors Meeting

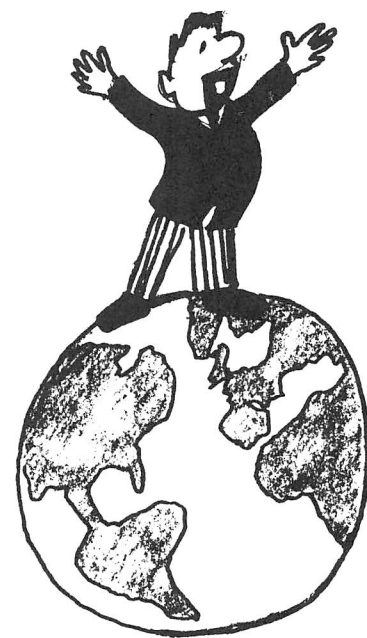
This annual meeting was held on Tuesday May 19th in the School Hall.

Teachers had organised a fascinating display of childrens' work relating to the National Curriculum for History and Geography.

Mr Peter Smith, Headmaster, gave an interesting talk on the National Curriculum, and also explained how the school classes are organised.

School Sports Day will be held on Tuesday June 23rd. If the weather is poor it will be postponed until Wednesday 24th.

Don't forget the School Fete on Saturday June 6th!!



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BYGONE DAYS

These two photos were kindly lent to WOT! by Hubert Sutton of Markfield Road.

The first one is of a group of Ratby school boys taken around 1920 in the schoolmaster's (Mr Baker) gardens (now the caretaker's).

The school boys were:

Back row - Fred Brotherhood, Freddie Moore (postmaster) and Henry Jordan.

Middle row - George Bown, Wilf Shipman and Sid Greasley.

Front row - Hubert Sutton and Tommy Gudger



The second photo is a mystery to Hubert. It was taken opposite the War Memorial.

Does anyone have a clue to the identity of the people or the date?



TIME TO REMEMBER



This photo is reproduced courtesy of Steve Roche of Markfield Road. It shows the British Legion marching along Station Road with what are now the entrance to Danehill and the site of the Petrol Station in the background. Can anyone put a date or names to this. If so please phone one of the hotline numbers given on page 19.

Ratby Parish Council FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION Summer Contest

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