

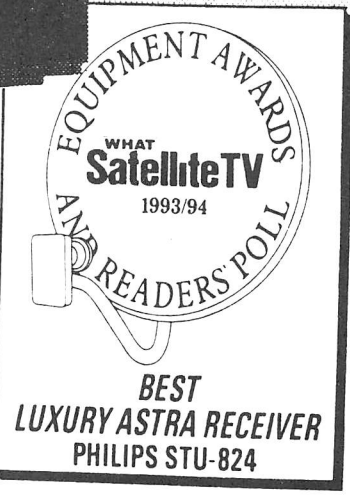


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## HISTORY IN THE MAKING

On Saturday May 7th at 6 p.m. Reverend Hardy, Mrs Hardy, Diane and Alan Spencer, Horace Gamble and Mary Ward joined a packed cathedral to see Susan Leighton, one of 18 new women ministers ordained. There were well over 1000 people there. It was a moving service which everyone enjoyed. There was however a note of sadness when the Bishop reminded the congregation of those who would be unhappy with the event that was taking place.

The choir of St Nicholas' Church in central Leicester provided the music and led the congregation in worship. The music was a blend of new



*The newly ordained Reverend Susan Leighton with her husband, the Rev. Tony Leighton, outside Leicester Cathedral.*

and traditional.

Susan was radiant with happiness and excitement as she and the other ordinands processed in. The contingent from St Philip and St James felt very privileged to be witnessing what must be a very important event in her life.

Later that evening Groby had arranged a Parish party for Susan at the village hall where Diane Spencer presented her with a basket of flowers on behalf of Ratby.

On Sunday (8th May) Susan celebrated her first communion in Ratby. Afterwards there was tea, coffee and refreshments at the Church Rooms.



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### Library Club

Ratby Library Club has been running for 3½ years now, and so the time has come for some changes to be made. Due to other commitments Bernie Moore and Jayne Wilson are standing down to allow a new team of local mums to take over, and these changes will start from June after the half-term break.

Library Club will be run by Mrs Caroline Packer, Mrs Donna Riley and Mrs Christine Dunmore. Donna and Christine are studying for diplomas from the pre-school Playgroups Association and have experience in working with the under 5's through their childminding and nursing backgrounds. Caroline has had nearly 15 years experience in this field, and holds the NNEB qualification, and has also worked in County Council schools within Leicestershire. She also has experience in working with children with special needs, and often runs the Bosworth Day Nursery in Desford when her boss is absent, she also finds time to help run the Bosworth Playscheme during the summer holidays. There is no doubt that these ladies are going to bring loads of experience and some wonderful new ideas to the Library Club. All the mums have children at the Ratby Playshool and/or Primary School and have helped run sessions with Bernie and Jayne in the past, and are already known to the Library children.

Whilst mentioning these changes it is also necessary to let you know that the waiting list has been frozen for the next few months to clear a "backlog" of names so that those on the list will get a chance to join - Caroline will keep you informed

## Warning About Bogus 'Rag Mags'

Leicestershire County Council's Trading Standards is warning members of the public against bogus fund-raisers selling 'rag-style' magazines.

Attention is drawn to collectors in Leicester who people may believe are students running official 'rag-mag' collections for charitable purposes but in fact are retaining much, if not all, of the money for private profit.

Anybody approached by a collector who appears suspicious should:-

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# Ratby Village Society

BBC Radio Leicester's 'Down to Earth' team of gardening experts - Geoff Amos, John Smith and Les Jones - were, on 31st March, the guests of the Ratby Village Society at a crowded meeting of members and friends in the Welfare Hall. Written questions supplied by the audience were scrutinised by Mr Amos before the meeting commenced to ensure that the most interesting topics would be discussed for the benefit of not only the folk in the hall but also to listeners to the subsequent broadcast. Ten questions were selected and those who had submitted them (which included three ladies) were asked to sit on the front row in order that the producer, Stephen Butt, could thrust his microphone within range of each questioner at the appropriate time. Two 'technical hitches' delayed the start of the recording for a few minutes when firstly the engineer forgot to switch on the tape recorder and then there was a second false start when the cassette which was playing the signature tune suddenly stopped. Once under way the recording proceeded smoothly with the panel answering the questions lucidly and not without humour. One gentleman wanted to know why his hydrangeas did not get greenfly (he can have some of mine) and a lady brought along some holly leaves which had been harbouring some creepy crawlies - a new phenomenon to the panel. The producer, who had throughout kept one eye on the clock, timed the proceedings to a nicety so that the tea and biscuits were provided while the panel set about answering the large amount of questions which had not been chosen to go on air. This was where the fun began as the knowledgeable trio turned out to be comedians too! An instructive and entertaining evening ended with a vote of thanks from the RVS Chairman, Dennis Green, delivered in his usual inimitable style.

The May meeting attracted another large gathering which greeted the guest speaker Mr Roger Ivens, from Groby, who told of his experiences when on a camping holiday last year in Iceland.

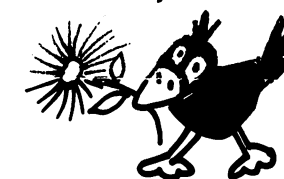
## KEN TOMKINS

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With the aid of over a hundred excellent slides the audience was treated to a tour of the bleak and sometimes eerie scenery which included, apart from the expected glaciers, hot sulphur springs, geysers of boiling water, basalt rock formations of strange geometric shapes and spectacular waterfalls. In summer there is twenty three hours of daylight so that the small party with its Icelandic guide, who also acted as cook, were able to trek through lonely and desolate landscape for up to nine hours a day! Despite the fact that no trees grow on the island they were able to make camp fires with an abundance of driftwood which emanates from Russia. The weather can be as inhospitable as the terrain but by amazing good fortune they were blessed with, what is usually rare, sunshine which enabled them to carry out the full holiday itinerary and provided Mr Ivens with the opportunity to use his photographic talents to the full. Though not at the top of most people's favourite holiday abroad list it is for those hardy souls who prefer something completely different and challenging a most exciting experience. It certainly would be if, and when, the active volcano now underneath 500 metres thickness of ice erupts, as it is likely to do before the end of the decade!

The planned event in June will be an evening ramble led by John Day and there will be no meeting in the holiday month of July.

H.A.G.



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A member of the Ratby and District, Royal British Legion, had in his possession some World War 1 memorabilia, British war and victory medals, a death plaque, letters and scrolls plus letters from the record office Warley (missing Officer's and men).

They were all items belonging to a distant relative, Mrs Fanny Reeves, a widow, whose son 44975 PTE Louis Arthur Reeves 11th Btn Essex regiment, of Holwell Cottages, Stamford St. Ratby. PTE Reeves aged 18 was reported missing in action October 12th 1918, just a month before Armistice.

Until the day she died, Mrs Reeves had always kept her door unlocked, in the hope her son would come back home.

It was suggested at a Legion meeting in Ratby, as there is no known direct relative to present the medals and other items to the War Memorial Museum at the Corillon, Loughborough, where Mr Sam Evans, a volunteer Curator, will have them all displayed in a place of honour before the end of May.

Mr B Leader, Groby

Comment: The story of the unlocked door awaiting the sons return is often heard around the country.

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### Farmers Warned to Maintain Animal Movement Records

Farmers and animal dealers should ensure that records for animal movements and accurate identification are complete and up-to-date if disease control is to be effective.

At a recent meeting of the County Council's Agricultural and Environment Committee, Mr J McIntyre, Divisional Veterinary Officer with the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food reported that in the South West of the Country incidents of Tuberculosis in cattle had increased in 1993 by over 100% compared with 1992. Whilst in Leicestershire and the East Midlands there were very few incidents, the rapid turnover and movement of animals across the Country meant that the disease could spread to this area. In this situation it was vitally important for animal movement records to be completed and maintained in order for disease tracing and control measures to be effective.

The same holds true for warble fly infestation of cattle of which there were two recent consignments of imported cattle from France where the infestation was detected. Since 1988, Great Britain has been virtually free from warble fly but in 1993 the disease reappeared through imports.

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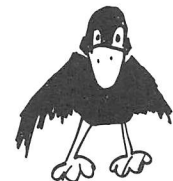
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## Snippets from the Vicarage

On St. George's day, April 23rd, I had intended that we would 'fly the flag' from the church tower, but then I discovered that the flagpole has no rope! So that we can do this on another occasion, we should be glad of assistance in putting this to rights, although it is a long way up! Any volunteers please ring me at the Vicarage - Tel: 393009.

We are now holding a mid week service of Holy Communion on Thursdays at 9.30 a.m., although this is not yet widely known, and that is why you may hear the bell ringing on Thursday mornings, to remind the village we are at prayer. If this is a convenient time to you, we would very much welcome your attendance.

anyone has a spare cylinder or upright model (we need both), they no longer require, the ladies who keep the church clean would be delighted and value such a donation.

Thank you,  
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Donations	150.00
Sponsored Slim	35.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>371.00</b>

This will take Sarah to and from Rumania, pay her board and lodging for the five weeks she is now able to stay, and hopefully leave some cash towards medical equipment and supplies for the orphanage.

We, as a family, have been overwhelmed by the response and 'thank you' seems such a small thing to say for such help but 'THANK YOU' everyone who has made Sarah's dream come true.

Anyone who would still like to help -especially with contributions of surgical gloves which seem to be in very short supply for treating the sick (wound dressing, first aid etc.) or cash can still do so as Sarah departs in the middle of August (her end of term).

Once again many, many thanks to everyone.



Sarah's mum, Lyn Mellor, being weighed and measured by Alison Seddon.

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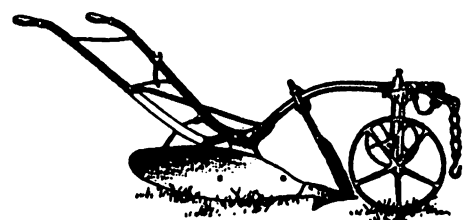
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This may seem a very large area. The reason is that, as older members die, village branches get so small that there are insufficient able-bodied members to keep them open. Activities of such branches are taken over by another. The Standards of closed branches are laid to rest in their churches.

We in Ratby, having been fortunate with our Officers and their commitment, have now incorporated all the surrounding villages and have appointed Welfare Officers to cover most of them as shown on the list below.

The Welfare Officers are responsible for the welfare of members in these villages, and also of any ex-service persons or widows of ex-servicemen. They will visit people at home and can arrange consultations with all the Social Services Departments should the need arise.

Because of the large area which we now cover we would ask that if you know of an ex-serviceman or his widow needing assistance you contact any one of our Officers who will arrange to visit.

The work we do is funded by monies collected by the annual Poppy Appeal. Its use and distribution is strictly controlled by Head Quarters in London via the County Office.

We also have a social side to our Branch. The monthly meetings are in the Plough Inn, Ratby on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. They last approximately 1½ hours; the first part of the meeting being taken up with business concerning our work in the community, the second half is a short talk on a variety of interesting subjects.

George's Day dinner dance. Future events in our social calendar include an evening mystery bus trip in August, a Harvest Festival in September and a Christmas dance.

The high points in our year are the Armistice Day Parades and Services at Ratby in the morning and Markfield in the evening of Remembrance Sunday. At these services we remember our fallen comrades; we pray for all servicemen, that they will not be called to make the same sacrifice as thousands have done previously. We have these services in the company of the Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies, hoping that they will understand the meaning of the Armistice on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month when the guns were silenced.

It was at that point that our service work started. To ensure that it can continue we are always happy to welcome new members. If you would like to join us, come along to our next meeting.

Roy Holloway J P  
Branch Chairman

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## Ratby Parish Council

Leicester Building Society was selected for co-option to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Andrew Jones. In congratulating him on his appointment, the Parish Council thanks the other four applicants who all had good credentials, which made the choice a difficult one.

### New Land

Two areas of land on each side of the "new estate road" near Ratby Band Hall have been passed into the ownership of the Parish Council. A meeting has been held with Mr John Cawrey where possible use of the land was discussed.



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## Ratby's Green Fingered Winners

The winners of the Ratby Parish Council Spring Front Garden Competition pictured above are :-

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## Ratby Parish Council

### A.G.M.

Officers elected for the year 1994/5 were as follows:

Chairman, Councillor Charles Rogers  
 Vice Chairman, Councillor Iris Hannaford  
 Planning sub-committee Chairman, Councillor Michael Ball  
 Leisure & Recreation sub-committee Chairman, Councillor Susan Boud

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman Councillor Rogers gave an account of the activities carried out during the year 1993/4. A full copy of his report is available for perusal upon request at Ratby Library.

### Meetings with neighbouring Parish Councils

A meeting was held with Kirby Muxloe Parish Council who outlined their proposals to relieve traffic in their village including Ratby Lane, but Ratby Parish Council made clear their strong objections to a suggested new road alongside the Rothley Brook. The continued nuisance of smell emanating from the Poultry Farm on Thornton Lane was discussed at meetings with Markfield Parish Council and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council officers and a consultant's report is awaited. Ratby Parish Council also met Groby Parish Council and considered matters relevant to both villages.

### Bus Services

Concerns of local residents about the new timetables and the several instances of failure to operate certain scheduled services have been reported to Midland Fox and the County Council. Steps are to be taken to improve performances and consideration is being given to provision of extra buses and possibly revised routes. The numbers of passengers using the services is

### Traffic Calming measures

Following accidents outside Brookvale School, requests have been made by Ratby and Groby Parish Councils for traffic calming measures to be constructed at the site. A plan has been prepared by the County Council for consideration. The Head teachers at Brookvale and the Community College continue to stress the need for care by pupils using this road.

### Front Gardens' Competitions

Prizes for the Spring 1994 competition were awarded:

1st prize;  
 Mr and Mrs Woolley, 4 East Walk.

2nd prize;  
 Mr and Mrs March, 12 Ingle Drive.

Joint 3rd prize;  
 Mr and Mrs Glendenning, 16 Woodley Road;  
 Mrs Porter, 51 Church Lane.

Certificates and garden vouchers valued £25, £10 and £5 respectively were presented by Councillor S Boud on behalf of Ratby Parish council.

Mr Sharman, 49 Church Lane was awarded a "Highly Commended" certificate.

Congratulations to all!

The competition for Summer 1994 will be judged during week commencing 25th July. Please send nominations to the Parish Council Clerk by 21st July.

### Bulls Head Inn

A letter of congratulations and appreciation has been sent to the Proprietors of the Bulls Head Inn for the excellence of the floral displays throughout the Winter and Spring.



# Ratby Primary School WOT supplement by class 5A.

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WE HAVE DONE OUR OWN TYPING ON THE SCHOOL COMPUTER.



David Root and Saul Barrett



## THE FA CUP REVIEW

Man. utd have won the FA cup and the double. They beat Chelsea 4\_0. Chelsea were playing much better in the first half when Gavin Peacock hit the cross bar Schmiechel had no chance. The second half was dominated by Man. utd Giggs passed to Irwin who was in the box when Newton fouled him and it was a penalty and Cantona put it away. Three minutes later Sinclair fouled Kanchelskis in the box and it was another penalty and Cantona finished it to make it 2-0. Then Sinclair made another mistake and Hughes got it and finished it. In the last minute Cantona set Ince who took it past the goalkeeper then he very unselfishly past to McClair who scored in a open goal. The total attendance was 79,571. After the game a commentator talked to Alex ferguson he said they deserved a goal in the first half but in the second half it was our game.

Rumit Desai and Richard Lyon

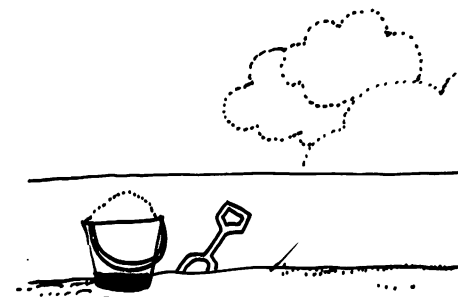


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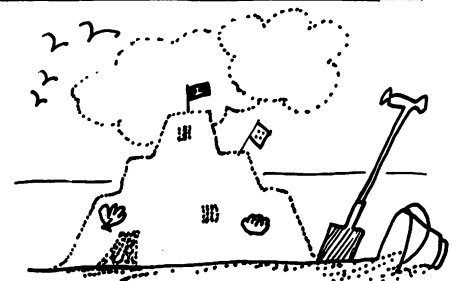
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Wusser", Dart Board, Hook It, Shooting Range & Fortune Wheel."

None of us knows what the Wusser really is, so you are free (and positively encouraged) to let your creative skills run rife. Drawings may be used to enhance your entry.

Send your entry along with a small donation for the Church Development Fund to:-

Margaret Pickard - Ratby Methodist Church.

The winning entry will be published in a future edition of WOT and the lucky winner will get that trip to Cleethorpes.

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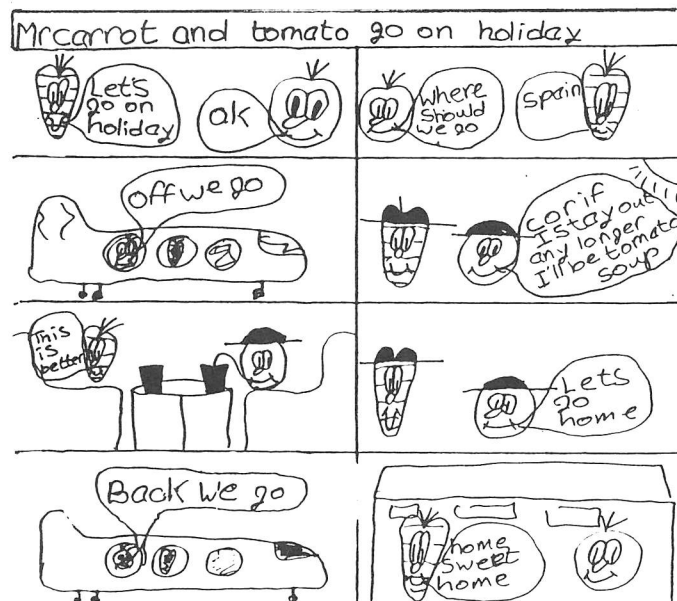
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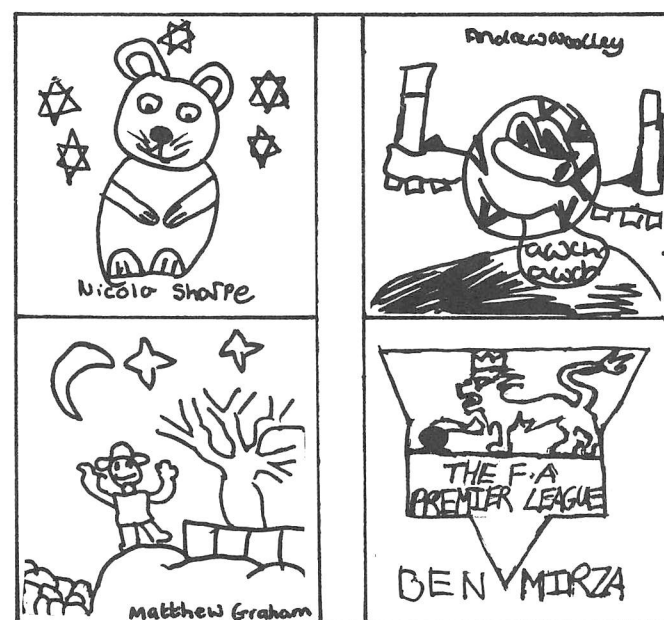
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Tom Whipham



## SUNSET.

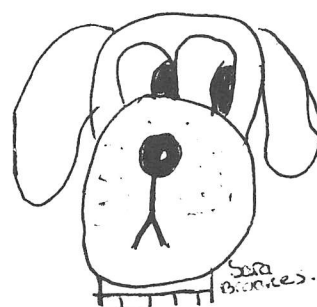
I love to see the sun go down  
I sit on the wall at sea.  
The bright colours shining.  
Purple, red, blue, yellow.  
The sun sinking in to the sea.

JENNY WILSON.

## POEM.

p, is for poetry.  
o, is for opera.  
e, is for enjoy.  
M, is for more.

JEMMA PEARSON.



## FIRST MEMORIES

My first memory was when I was 3 at Christmas. I got a rocking dog it was brown and white. I loved it. It was furry. I was showing off. I took my hands off and put them above my head.  
Sara Brookes.

My first memory was when I was about three and we were going round Groby nursery and I got my shoes muddy.  
Heather Fretter.

My first memory was when I was about three and it was Christmas and I was awake. On Christmas Eve my mum and dad were wrapping my presents up so I got out of my bed and I looked around the corner and I saw them wrapping my presents up.  
Enna Palmer.

## HOBBIES

My name is Daryl Sperry and I play football for a team called Ratby / Groby and they are a very good team. They finished 5th in the league, and Blaby finished 1st. David Root plays for a team called Glenfield U.T.D. My brother plays for Ratby / Groby as well.

My name is Michael Rule. As some people in Ratby know, my hobby is playing the piano. I have played quite a few times in school plays, which have been shown to parents, and I play most Thursdays for my class, I have been playing since I was five. People think that because I'm playing the piano now, I'm going to make a career out of it, I might do but I've other things in mind.

Swimming is my best hobby. I have been going since I was five. My best stroke is front crawl, and my highest badge is gold survival.

I go to a swimming club now called Enderby diddys. My worst stroke is breast stroke.  
Julia Taylor.

My hobby is Hockey, because its really exciting, and I really enjoy it. This is how I score goals. I stand right next to the goal, and when the putt comes I hit it in.  
Daniel Ward

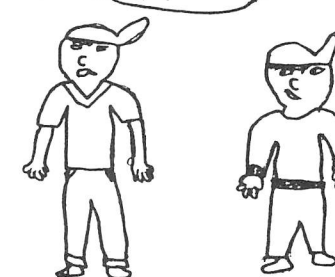
My hobby is collecting sticker's. The first sticker album I collected was premier league 94 and The sloppy slobbs My new one is W.W.F it is a wrestling album. My favourite wrestler is Undertaker.  
Lee Grant

Hello my name is James Lawson my hobby is playing on my Mega Drive. I have got 5 games. My favourite game is SF2 (street-fighter 2) with MK (Mortal Kombat) second. I can complete all of my games!

## JOKES



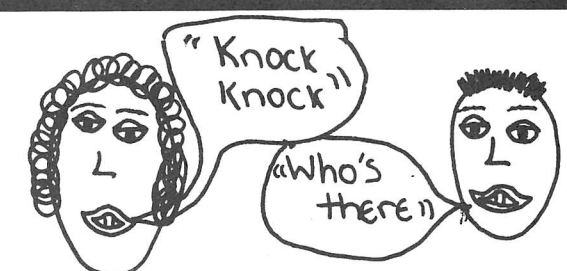
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O.k Impositive xll fail my exams.



Katie Smith



That's a nasty Cold ya've got



Gemma Hazlewood.



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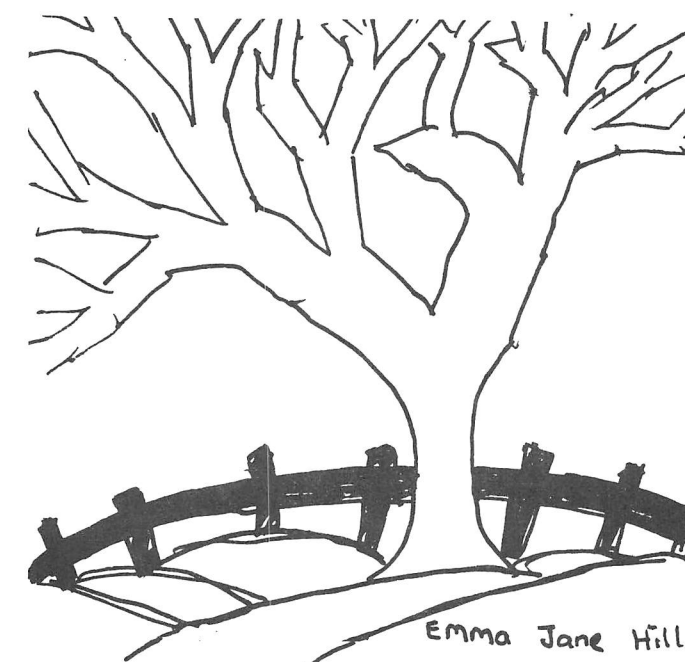
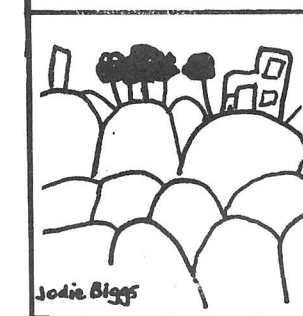
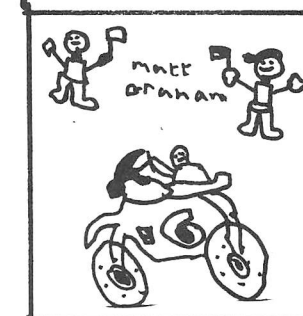
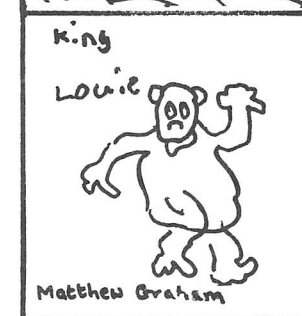
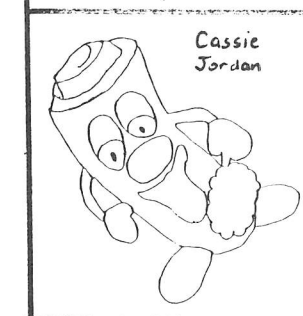
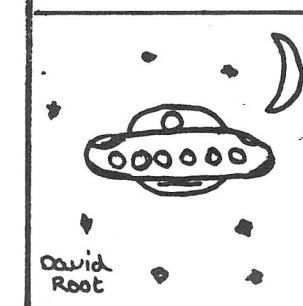
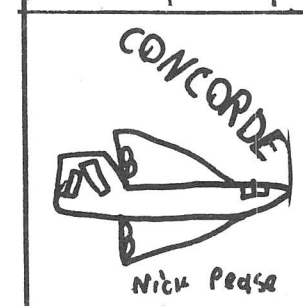
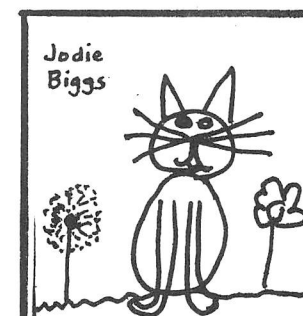
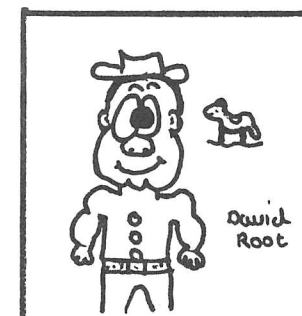
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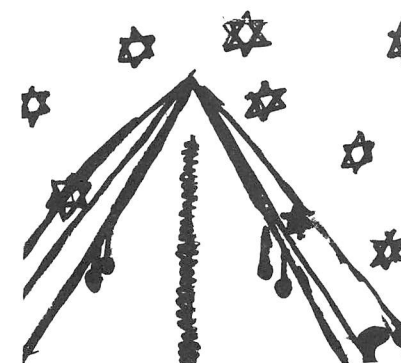
About 5A P.E.

Most people like football I like football we go up to the top field to play football. Some people play basketball. We sometimes play hockey in the hall and we do apparatus.

Ricky Johnson

EVERY MONDAY DAVID AND SAUL DO A PLAY CALLED DOT AND ROSE.

HELLO MY NAME IS SIMON MILBOURNE FROM THE FIRST RATBY CUBS ON CHURCH LANE. CUBS IS ON A THURSDAY IT STARTS AT 6.30-8.00. CUBS IS REALLY EXCITING WE GO SWIMMING, CAMPING, WALKING AND WE ALSO HAVE A SPORTS DAY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN COME TO THE CHURCH ROOMS.





Dear Editor

You enquire "wot" we think of WOT and I am pleased to respond to the question.

1. For a very welcome change, I am able to read a news sheet totally devoid of spelling errors.
2. The imagination and the production of the graphics is absolutely superb.
3. The quality and variation of the print, together with the presentation is very pleasing to the eye.
4. The people of Ratby who contribute to the many and varied articles must be congratulated, encouraged and thanked.
5. The WOT is free at the point of distribution, and I wondered how you do it at the price!
6. The bi-monthly production must be hard work and very time consuming for a small band of people. Frustration must often rear its head, but please accept the appreciation of many readers who see your efforts as a very important contribution to inter-community interest and information.

Anon

Dear Anon

*Thank you for your plaudits. But I'm not too sure about the first one.*

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I, like most others, have recently received my 94/95 Council Tax demand and am appalled at the overall 20.3% increase and in particular the Parish increase of 41%.

I appreciate that in the previous year no increase was made but this alone could not justify a rise of this magnitude.

It seems to be poor housekeeping if local authorities cannot contain expenses at the current rate of inflation which we are told is 2.4%.

It would be most enlightening if those responsible at County & Parish level, who after all are accountable for spending our money could explain, to us all, the need for increases of this size at this time, keeping in mind other new taxes people are facing.

if we do not ask questions about Council expenditure but mistakenly believe our neighbours will, we should not complain if next year a similar increase is applied.

A Ratby Resident

Dear Editor,

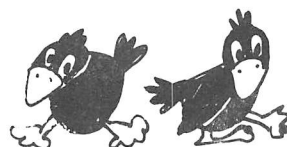
After reading many of the recent reports about children's lives being at risk when travelling in coaches and mini buses without seat belts, can I ask through your pages, what local schools and other young people's organisations, such as Scouts, are intending to do to guard against our local children being involved in such incidents?

Are our children going to continue to travel in this way or are belts to be fitted?

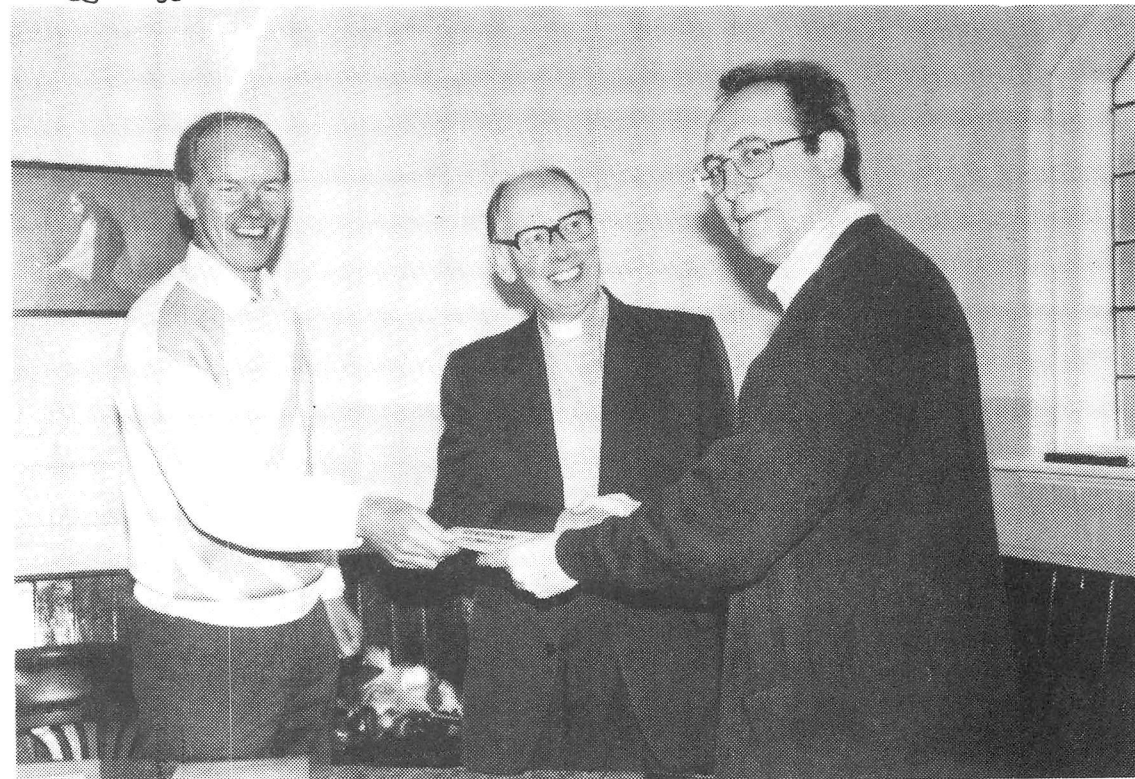
Are the drivers of these vehicles all trained in their use or have they only passed their tests in cars?

What insurance is provided?

Concerned Parent.



# Letters



Ian Freeman  
(Treasurer), the  
Rev. Eric Keeley  
and Chairman of  
the Planning  
Committee, Ken  
Charlesworth are  
pictured on Gift  
Day, 23.04.1994.

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Dear Friend and Neighbour

It is a natural reaction to rejoice at events that bring encouragement to us. Such an event took place on Saturday April 23rd when the Church held a gift day for the Building Development project. The result was indeed overwhelmingly encouraging, being in excess of £12,000, taking into account the Gift Aided contributions which qualify for a tax refund.

Members of the Church and the community were extremely generous and gave unstintingly. On behalf of the Church we wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for these gifts which we believe confirms the decision to launch the scheme to provide a centre for Christian worship and activity for all ages in the village.

We shall be pleased to welcome you at our services or development scheme events. Your support is much valued and appreciated.

Thank you, may God bless you with His love and peace.

Yours sincerely

Reverend Eric Keeley



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Pumpkin & Marrow Competition

By the time you read this, thirty five of the species will have been planted out and will hopefully be doubling their growth every fortnight 'ish. They are spread through all points of the village compass and extend to such exotic places as Braunston, Whitwick and Groby. Many thanks to all fearless friends who have taken up the challenge. We wish each one mammoth produce by September.

Traditional Tips, for those not accustomed to growing these vegetables are as follows:-

Marrows  
Be silent when approaching the plant in flower.

Pumpkins  
Name and talk to your pumpkin in the most complementary terms, and pinch out the leader the moment it answers back!

The Best of British Luck!  
  
(Wot! hopes to bring you details of the winners in a later issue).

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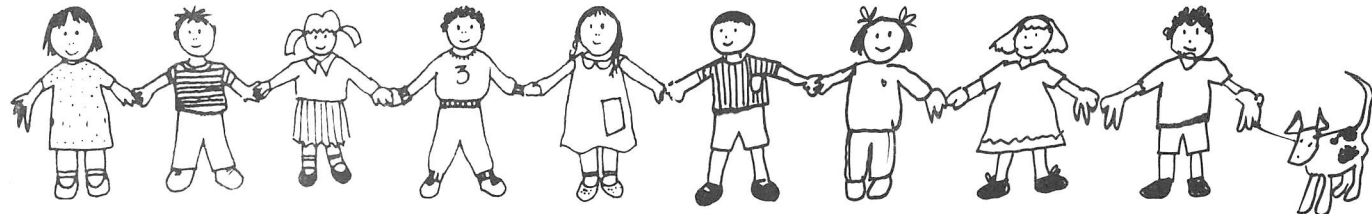
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Appointments not always

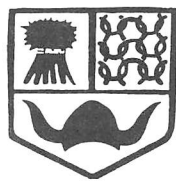
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SCHOOL'S  
MAGNIFICENT  
RESULT  
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A visit from Mrs Karen Robinson, Leicestershire Schools Co-ordinator for the N.S.P.C.C. prompted the children of Ratby Country Primary School to raise money for the N.S.P.C.C.

This was done by the infants being sponsored to find 50 shapes in a Noodle Doodles poster and the juniors were sponsored to find at least 50 objects that would damage the environment on an Operation Clean up poster. More than 65% of the school took part.

They managed to raise over £1500!

When Mrs Robinson returned to the school she told the children that the money would be used for children in Leicestershire and read out a letter containing a poem from a little nine year old girl who would benefit from the money.



Mrs Karen Robinson, Schools Co-ordinator Leicestershire for the N.S.P.C.C. accepting the cheque at Ratby School. On her right is Gary Pounder, the eldest fund raiser, and on her left, Helen Jewitt, the youngest.

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Anyone interested in putting their organisation in the leaflet, please contact Diane Spencer on Leicester 394868.

## Plant - Appeal

If anyone could provide any house or garden plants which could be sold on the plant stall at Brookvale School on Sunday June 12th, please telephone Martin on 395179 and collection can be arranged.

Thank you.

### Scripts from the Cemetary

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of  
James McFarlane

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Blacksmith

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His bellows too have lost their wind  
His fires extinct, his forge decayed  
His vice all in the dust is laid  
His coal is spent, his iron gone  
His last nails driven, and his work is done

Pentewar, Cornwall

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Lies berried up a dismal story

A Young Maiden

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But he who crossed her,

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Proceeds are for the Parish Church.

The Spring Fayre raised a total of £251 for the Sunday School Annual



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## CAN YOU HELP TO IDENTIFY THIS COUPLE ?

The only real clue that we have to the identity of these people is that, if memory serves the owner well, the lady was known as Grandma Pratt. Now whether this was before or after her marriage of course we do not know. Certainly we are talking about people who lived in the village a long time ago so identification will rely on the older residents being able to recognise them.

If you can help, please phone Martin on 395179 who will pass on the information

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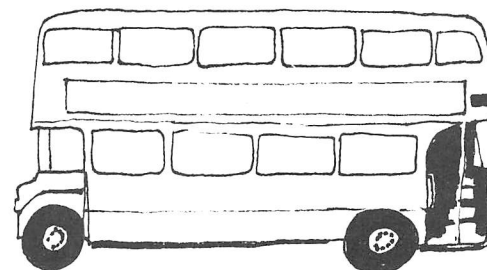
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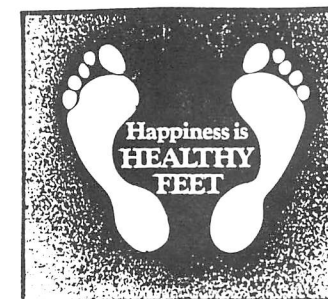
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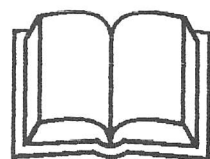
IN AID OF CHAPEL BUILDING FUND



After the phenomenal success of their Gift Day recently, the members of the Ratby Methodist Church are embarking on another project which they hope will receive similar support. The flower arrangements to be displayed will be around the theme 'What a wonderful World' and will draw in talent from the Flower Guilds of Glenfield and Kirby Muxloe as well as local church members and friends. Coffee (and presumably tea) will be served throughout. Lunches are available from 12.30 - 1.30 p.m.



# The Lee Tree



## DATES FROM FAMILY BIBLE

Anyone who has looked back in time, locally, will have come across the Lee

family. Most commonly mentioned seems to be Jimmy Lee's cottage which was opposite the shop now occupied by Ratby T.V. The last piece of walling was knocked down recently when the controversial road widening scheme was implemented. This brought Jimmy Lee's name to the fore once more and prompted enquiries which have led to this article.

James (Jimmy) Lee was born 23.4.1860 and in 1884 he married Martha Patricia Harris (born 18.1.1864). They had four children, Elizabeth Ann Lee (born 6.10.1889); Bertha Lee (19.3.1892); Herbert Lee (7.2.1895) and James Owen Lee (7.4.1901). The family are said to be 'Chapel'.

In 1934 they still lived in 'Old Cottage' and celebrated their Golden Wedding. Apart from this, his great grandson knows nothing of Jimmy and Martha but would love to find out more, to share with his family and to pass on to his own daughter.

Elizabeth Lee married Fred Herbert and had a daughter Avis (now Avis Caseley living in Glenfield).

Bertha Lee married Herbert Jordan. Their children were Sid and Owen Jordan. Sid of course still lives in the village.

James Owen Lee (known as Owen) married Gertrude Richards.

Herbert Lee was apparently always called



LEFT TO RIGHT: BERTHA, JAMES OWEN, MARTHA, JIMMY, HERBERT & ELIZABETH ANN. 'OLD COTTAGE' (REAR). HERBERT'S WEDDING DAY.

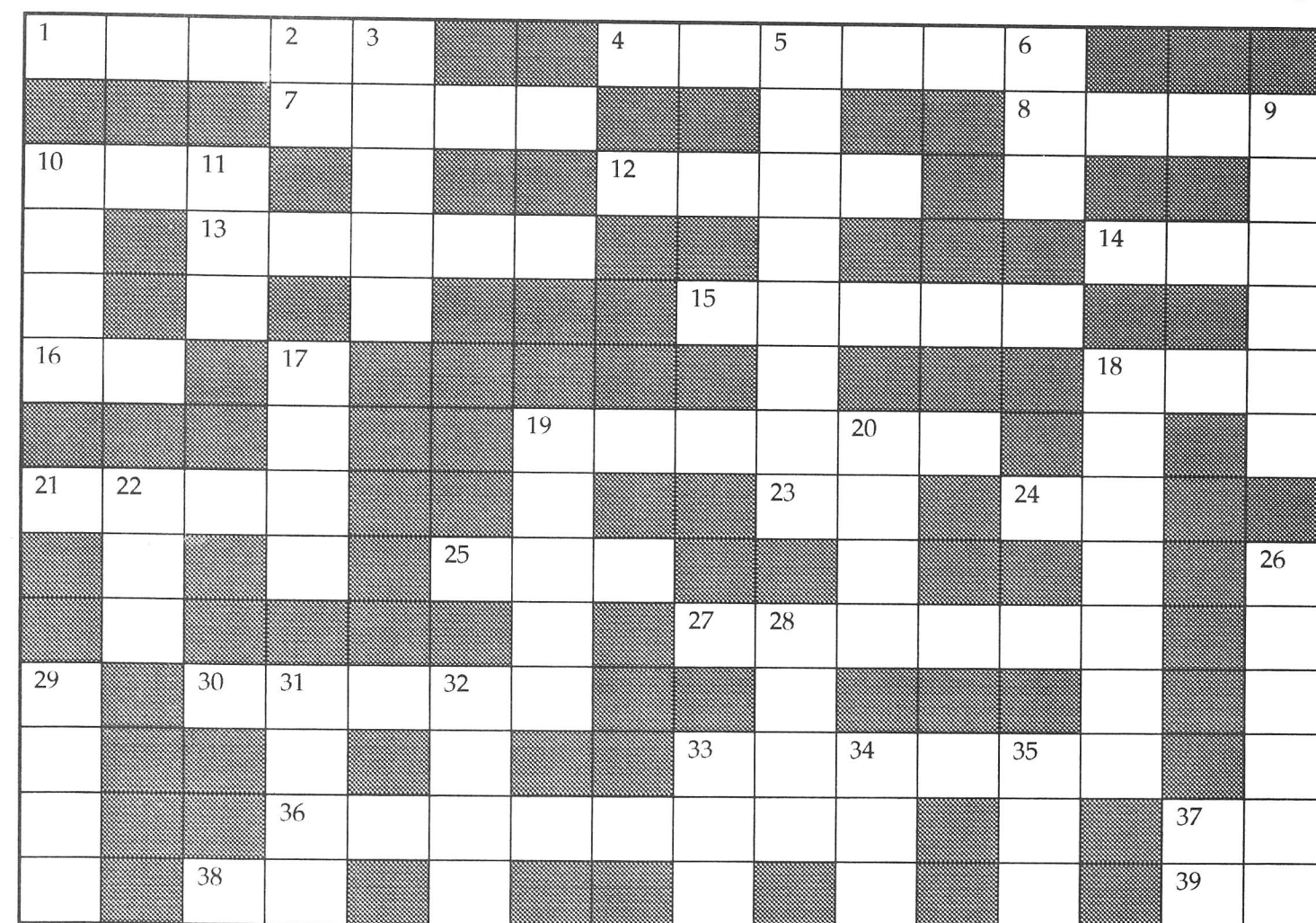
'Jim' although he hated it. He married Gertrude Violet Cullen (Vi). Their children were Barbara and Dennis (who lives at Markfield). Herbert (Jim) lied about his age to get into the Army and fought at Passendale, Ypres and spent his 21st birthday on the Somme. Back in Ratby he worked for many years at 'the Wolsey' and when he retired at 65 he set up a 'fruit & veg' stall on Leicester Market. Later he moved to the shop from which Geoff Widdowson still sells 'fruit and veg' today. Prior to this the shop had apparently been a dining area for the chip shop. (Send in your memories please).

Vi's brothers Arthur and George Cullen were killed in World War I. Her sisters were Emily, who married Reg Green and went to live in Abdon, Shropshire; Phoebe, who married George Bradshaw and left for Cumberland; Ethel (married Joe Jordan) and Clara who married Herbert Spencer and had children Doreen and Charlie. Vi's other brother, Bill, the only one likely to have continued the Cullen name, married Sophie Netherseal but nothing else is known.

If you can help with information on any lines descending from Jimmy Lee and Martha Harris or find photos of the Cottage or any other people or places linked to the Lees, please phone Martin on 395179 who would be pleased to pass on details to the family and, perhaps, include some stories in future issues.



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE?



### Across

1. Bet on a Scottish horse here
4. Find a twin gem in Ireland
7. Short hair in the field
8. Untidy room in barracks
10. Miss Nightingale was never called this
12. Hat on the Motorway?
13. Call a cab in Gosforth to win
14. Total
15. Shave now we're near the harbour
16. She's always in the news
18. Part of foot
19. This soldier is all at sea
21. Marconi hides an image
23. Cold winds from here
24. Sheep cry
25. Electrical term
27. Sharp reply from the distillery
30. City need them to go up
- 33+17 down Better know your subject for this
36. The Dean is very
37. Sound system
38. That is to say

(Ab)

(Ab)

### Down

2. He's in charge of unit (Ab) (2)
3. What rent to charge on this river? (5)
5. Command a ring of tribes in China (8)
6. See him at Lincoln Cathedral (3)
9. Easter cake shared by Simon and Nelly (6)
10. Wade carefully if ordered (4)
11. Decoration (Ab) (3)
17. See 33 across
18. Will sell you down the river (7)
19. Mother adds item to letter (5)
20. Tidy whiskey (4)
22. Bounder (3)
26. What colourful marks on this bird (6)
28. Flair (4)
29. Don't blow on the pastry (4)
31. Ugly giant (4)
32. Rock matter (4)
33. Weather office (Ab) (3)
34. Phone system (Ab) (3)
35. Tip of corn (3)
37. Valley in Italy (2)

