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Ratby in Bloom

Spring arrived very late this year, the first week of April passed and still no sign of all the Spring flowers.

April 20th was the date that had been decided for the judging of Ratby Parish Council's Spring Front Garden Competition and the question had to be asked whether the competition should be postponed, and if so, by how long?

An all too brief warm spell made a big difference and within a few days the daffodils, hyacinths, polyanthus and other Spring favourites burst into bloom.

Mr Cammack from the Judges Guild with the assistance of a student, Mr Dexter was able to visit all the gardens nominated on the due date and decided the winners.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs March, 12 Ingle Drive who were placed First Prize - £25 garden voucher and certificate.

Congratulations also to Mr and Mrs Woolley, 4 East Walk. Second Prize £15 voucher and to Mr and Mrs Hall, 5b Markfield Road. Third Prize £10 voucher, both also given certificates. Mr and Mrs Smith, 10 Ingle Drive received a "Highly Commended" certificate having narrowly missed being placed in the top three.

The judge commented that the nominated gardens were the best presented he has ever judged and remarked that the winners had "an outstanding garden".

"Well done" to all the gardeners nominated, especially considering the difficult climatical conditions! Ratby Parish Council have promoted two competitions, Spring and Summer, for several years and their aim is to encourage everyone to make the village bright and colourful which is a delight for us all to enjoy when we are on our journeys in our Parish.

Unfortunately, there are very few nominations received. Do you know that you can nominate your own garden and any other front garden you see that you consider should be judged. Do not think that it is useless nominating as they will not win; you could be surprised!

The closing date for the Summer 1996 Front Garden Competition nominations is Thursday 18th July. Please send your nominations to the Clerk to Ratby Parish Council, 8 Desford Lane. Ratby in good time.

Your help to make this competition a continuing success is vital. Make a note in your diary - "July 18th" nominations close.

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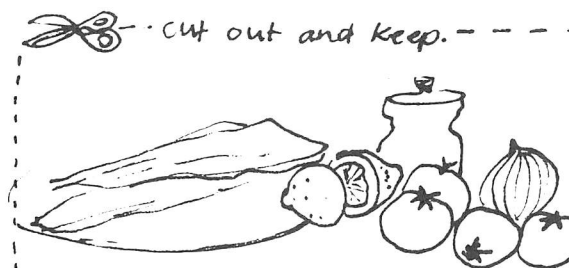
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Right on Track!!

One of Ratby's tame poets (and there are several) received a certificate from Hilton House Publishers of Norwich for one of his entries in the 1996 Poet of the Year competition which will be published during July in an anthology entitled 'Poetic Inspirations'. For the present he will remain nameless, but if the title of the poem is revealed - 'Nocturne for an Unseen Train' - in that there may be a clue to his identity.



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The West Area Police/Community Consultative Committee will be holding a Public Meeting at the Wycliffe Community College, Hamelin Road, Leicester on Wednesday, 12th June, 1996 at 7.30 pm.

The object of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for people of the Police Area to air their views over policing issues which concern their community. It is hoped that members of the community will take an active part in the meeting to make the event a success.

One item on the agenda will be a talk on the work of the Leicestershire Youth Court panel by its Chairman, Mrs A. Price, J.P.

The Consultative Committee is chaired by Mrs C. E. Brock, member of the Leicestershire Police Authority. Senior Police officers from the West Police area will be present to answer questions and discuss matters raised.

It is not within the Committee's terms of reference to discuss individual cases. These should always be referred to the Area Commander at Hinkley Police Station, Supt. P. McHugh.

NATURE NOTES on a grey, cold, raining Saturday in May

We walked along the R44 footpath across the fields to the footbridge and stream known as 'Bonio'. Several rabbits ran for cover under the hedges, where we glimpsed the vivid colours of bluebells just opening.



Here and there on the
grassy stream banks
Lady's Smock was in
flower.



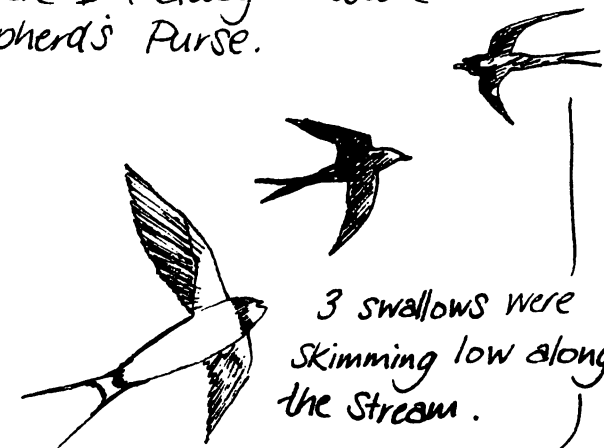
In the shady undergrowth on
the far banks some lesser
Celandine were still in flower.

We saw some Field Penny Cress
which I'd always known as
Shepherd's Purse.

One red campion
was in flower on
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was this Redshank
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3 swallows were
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On Easter Saturday four members of the Society - Chairman Dennis Green, Secretary Hoz Gamble, Vicar Rev. Michael Hardy and Churchwarden Alan Spencer - planted three commemorative silver birch trees in the churchyard as part of the celebration of the 21st Anniversary in 1995.

The April meeting was addressed by Mr. David Mutton, an amateur (in the best sense of the word) weather forecaster whose prognostications have been published in the Leicester Mercury for over twenty years.

He brought along various pieces of technical equipment used in the trade and showed slides of measuring instruments and weather stations. It had been hoped, forlornly, that he may have shown photographs of cloud formations, giving their omens, so that we lesser mortals could make our own predictions and dispense with the seaweed!

Doctor of Geology Helen Boynton delighted a large gathering at the May meeting with two "mini-talks", one on Gemstones and the other on Fun With Fossils both of which could have been expanded many times over. Her first topic was on birth stones, allied to the signs of the Zodiac, and surprisingly the audience was fairly split between the Twelve divisions. Samples of these stones (except the diamond!) were on view, some rarer than others. One curious fact emerged in that the Opal changes colour dependent upon the amount of moisture in its immediate environment.

Turning to fossils it was revealed that the Groby slate headstones in Ratby churchyard contain some extremely ancient specimens, as do the 600 million year old rocks in Bradgate Park, pre-dating the previously held belief that no living creature was in existence at that period of the earth's evolution. The most fascinating exhibit - in a jam jar - was a dinosaur egg; fortunately a little too old for it to hatch out in the Welfare Hall! Such was the interest engendered by her talk that many members held Dr. Boynton in conversation for more than half an hour after the meeting had ended.

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An 82 Year Facility to End?

In July 1914 Ratby Parish Council negotiated with the Landowners to lease ground to the rear of Plough Inn for use as a Recreation Area.

For many years this lease has been renewed on an annual basis, and attempts to extend the lease for a longer term or alternatively to purchase the land have proved unsuccessful.

Because of the uncertainty for continued tenancy, the Parish Council have considered it inadvisable to extend the range of play equipment which is confined to a slide and four swings. Maintenance of the area has always been accepted by the Parish Council as their responsibility.

The position of this Recreation Ground is extremely significant, occupying a central location in the Village and very important to residents of the Stamford Street/Markfield Road area who are able to use it for the benefit of themselves and their children, thus avoiding the necessity to cross busy roads to reach the distant Ferndale Drive area.

Many of Ratby's senior citizens will have memories of their enjoyment of this Recreation Ground when they were younger.

After 82 years of minimal problems, the area is now being mis-used. Large quantities of broken glass litters the ground on a daily basis which has resulted in doubling the maintenance staff employed by the Parish Council to clean this. In addition motorised vehicles are being driven around the ground and to within six feet of the play equipment. Both of these activities are of course highly dangerous, and the position is described as "an accident waiting to happen".

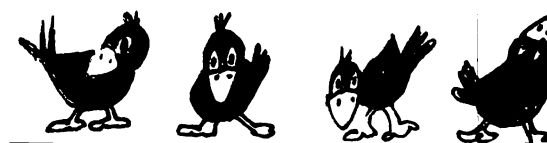
It became necessary for the Parish Council to check its legal responsibility in the event of an accident occurring and they were advised that the Insurance Policy will be withdrawn unless the area is made secure (i.e. fenced).

Apart from the cost of fencing (probably thousands of pounds) permission is needed from the Landowner for this to be installed, and again it has to be considered if an outlay of this amount can be justified on such a short term lease.

Should the fencing prove to be impracticable for either reason the Parish Council would have no option but to terminate the leasing, as clearly the Councillors could not underwrite the risks involved.

What a sad reflection this is on present day circumstances, when 82 years of continued enjoyment may well have to be brought to an end! Today's children will be denied this facility as will those of the future including the families of the present day youngsters responsible for the closure.

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This year I was pleased to be able to take two teams to the Annual Six a Side District Football Tournament.

Each team consisted of six Cubs, one in goal and five forwards.

Team A (in blue shirts) was Christopher Bird, Gary Root, Sam Veasy, Jamie Jackson, Michael Lyon and (in goal) Matthew Reedy.

Team B (in purple shirts) Russel Foxon, Matthew Haines, Sam Laywood, Christopher Ward, Mark Sloan and (in goal) Alistair Richards.

Team A competed in Group 3 and won three games, scoring 18 goals on the way and in doing so, became the overall winners of Group 3.

They then went on to play in the Quarter - Final and they won that game 4 goals to 3 in a very exciting play off. But unfortunately, lost narrowly in the Semi- Final 5 goals to 4.

Team B competed in Group 4 and was up against some very tough teams.

They lost 2 goals to 3 against 40th Brookside.

94th Desford beat us 6 goals to 1, and in a very close game, 40th Centre beat us 1 Nil.

Several Parents came along to support the teams on the day and I would like to this opportunity to thank them.

I'm sure they would agree, the lads played very well in what is a fast and furious competition.

I personally would like to thank the lads for turning out, and well played every one.

Both the lads and myself would like to thank John Broome and his team for staging the event.

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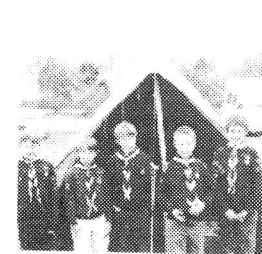
Well, what a brilliant time we all had. The week end started off cold on Friday night, warmed up on Saturday but got a bit wet and Sunday was at times threatening to get quite hot.

The Sixers and Seconders helped to erect the tents on the Thursday night and did quite a good job. All four tents up in hour and a half, and then chips on the way home by way of a thankyou.

This year 21 Cubs came with us on Camp, including 2 girls, and I'm sure if you ask any of them they will tell of their adventures.

The Theme for this years camp was King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Each six was to have there own Castle name and they competed against each other for points. All the Cubs won a prize for their efforts, with the winning team led by Sam Veasey receiving additionally a Certificate each for coming first overall.

Below are the Cubs during inspection out side their tents, the two girls Emma Glenister and Rebecca McKellican having their own tent to sleep in, but joining their six for all activities.



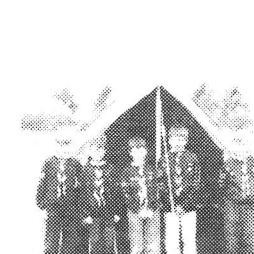
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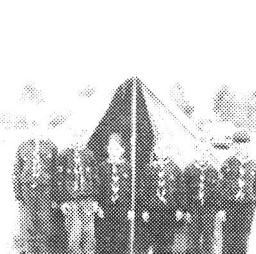
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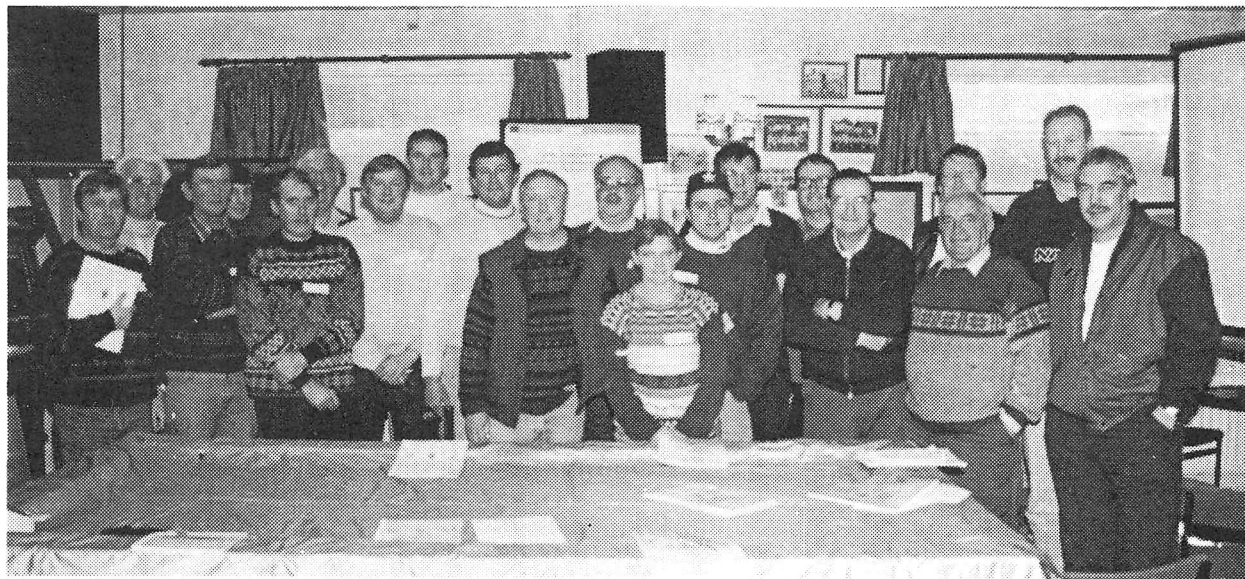


My thanks to Lesley Chevin, Dave Smith, Dave Hardy and James Cross for their help.

Thanks also to Colin Payne and Paul Clarke for providing our meals.

I would also like to thank Alan Chevin and his two sons David and Steven for their help in putting up the tents.

A special thankyou to David Hulme for being our home contact over the weekend.



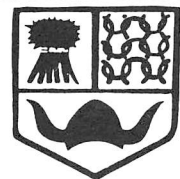
22 MEN WENT TO MOW!

Ratby man, Mr. Ian McCleod, chairman of Leicester Cricket League, brought together 22 people at Ratby Sports Club earlier this year. They spent a day with Mr. Ray Bailey, head groundsman at Northampton Cricket Club, and Mr. Alex Miller of the Institute of Groundsmanship, learning about the Spring and Summer preparation of cricket pitches and outfield.

The aim of the day-long course, which is being held at 22 locations around the county is to improve the standard of cricket surfaces.

Later in the year they will all be back to learn about Autumn renovation.

Photo by Sylvia Gant



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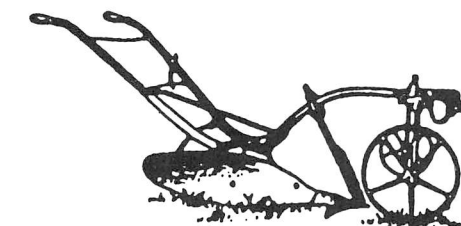
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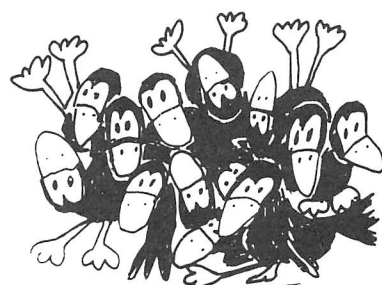
Dear God.

Help us to forget ourselves and help other people with all the skills we have learnt on this camp. Thank you for giving us our great ideas for the obstacle course and for the fun time we spent on it. We must all think of Baden Powell, who was brought down to earth to invent such a good scheme called Scouting and we will always think of him as the real leader of Scouts.

We thank all the leaders for all their ideas on different games and giving up their free time to be here.

Finally we must thank you for all the food that was given to us during our camp. we were truly grateful.

Amen.




RATBY BAND

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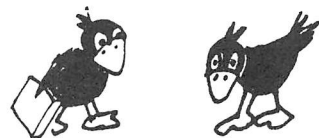
Have you heard the Ratby Band? Believe me, folks, it's simply grand. Their playing has such verve and style to start you dancing in the aisle at Groby Coll. or better still in Ratby Church up on the hill or even at the Garden Fete. In open air they sound just great. Kevin Steward is the keen MD a veritable maestro it's plain to see. Under his baton the Band is as one, for attack and precision they're second to none. Their repertoire ranges from opera to swing, for Glen Miller Magic is just the thing to compliment Strauss and Wagner and Bach all shades of music from 'light' through to 'dark'. The soloists, too, have become quite a hit with Geoff, Kaye and Lindsey all doing their bit up front in the spotlight, out on their own, with Stu Bryan's trumpet a seductive tone! When going Dutch, and playing abroad, with trophies galore they're swept the board, and, come July, the Band's off to Spain. They're sure to get asked back there again. But then, all of this travelling means someone's at work behind the scenes planning the bookings for them to fulfill. So say "Thanks, secretary Phil."

Hoz

Note : This poem was written before Sheralyn Newman took over as band secretary but as Phil Plant has done such sterling work in that department over a long period of time it seems only fair not to make any amendments.

BEWARE OF ROGUE DOORSTEP TRADERS

Consumers in Leicestershire are being warned by the County's Watchdogs of the potential problems of buying from doorstep sellers. Leicestershire County Council's Trading Standards Department has been alerted that rogue traders are operating in the area, using the usual trick of the trade to sell shoddy, poor quality carpets.



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A Village Appraisal allows everyone to have their say on local issues by finding out what people want for the place where they live or work. An Appraisal can help you to identify potential threats and take appropriate action, can be used as evidence to influence decision makers on issues affecting the community and is a good way to identify opportunities for new community initiatives.

The Village Appraisals Initiative was established in Leicestershire by the Rural Community Council, who have just published a comprehensive Village Appraisal Information Pack - a step-by-step guide which should prove invaluable to groups who are interested in involving themselves in the future of their community.

Nicole Rickard, the L.R.C.C. Rural Officer, says "We can provide advice and practical support throughout the process, we may even be able to give you a grant to help cover your printing and publicity costs! A Village Appraisal should be a 'stepping stone' to action, and new projects arising from recent Appraisals in Leicestershire including village crime-busting initiatives, new low-cost housing and environmental improvements, to name just a few".

An unscrupulous sales gang described the carpets they were selling as "New High Quality Fibre Bonded" but an unsuspecting purchaser later discovered their new carpet contained no fibres and was more like cardboard cushion flooring.

You are advised to be extra vigilant when dealing with uninvited callers selling their wares. Doorstep sellers can be very determined and will try to pressure people into buying their products. Advice to customers is 'don't be afraid to say no', if you need time to think it over and compare prices elsewhere, tell the trader - an honest salesperson will understand.

Any group of interested people within a village or parish can initiate a Village Appraisal - so if you are interested in obtaining a copy of the Village Appraisal - so if you are interested in obtaining a copy of the Village Appraisal Information Pack, please contact Nicole on Leicester (-116) 2662905.

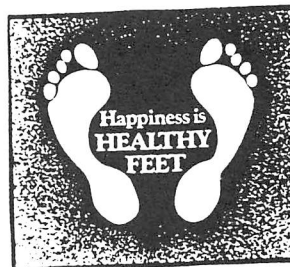
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RATBY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



As advertised in the last issue of the Wot Magazine, we advised the people of Ratby that we had invited a guest speaker to our next meeting which was on the 16 April 1996.

Unfortunately, Mr. Kevin Lewis of Harboro Portas was unable to attend.

We were, however pleased to see several members of the public at our meeting and when Graham Stanley reported that the Crime figures for March 96 were 54 as opposed to 22 for the same month in 1995, the people at the meeting felt a lot of this was attributable to the fact that Ratby's local Police Man was not as visible in the area as was his predecessor.

One particular area in Ratby suffering at the moment is the bottom of Ferndale Drive adjacent to the car park of the Ferndale Drive Play Area, which seems to attract gatherings of noisy and trouble some youths.

Unfortunately, Constable Mason was not at this meeting, so he was not therefore available to comment. So it was groups decision that we would write to Inspector Lloyd Wells, Area Commander McHugh and Chief Constable Keith Povey, to register our concerns and demand that our village gets what it needs from the police.

A copy of this letter has also been sent to Mr David Treddinick MP, our County Councillor ... Mr Robert Fraser and our Borough Councillor ... Mr Robin Bennett.

We, the Neighbourhood Watch Society, have invited these officials to our next meeting, so if you the public have a concern, and would like to raise it with these people, please come along. If you can bring a note of the time and day when you are disturbed by these youths, it will help the Police get better understanding of our problems.

The Parish Council hosted a meeting on Tuesday 26th March for Councillors to meet and discuss with The Youth workers to explore the possibility of sourcing funding and suitable location for young people to meet and have organised activities. A follow-up meeting open to all interested parties and the general public has been arranged for 7.30 pm 14th May in the Welfare Hall.

Village Events...

N.H.W. plans to have a stand at this years Crow Pie Carnival and the Churches Summer Fete. So if you would like to talk to us about N.H.W. in your Street come down and meet us.

General Accident's Neighbourhood Watch Week...

Watch the local press for this, competitions and prizes aimed at children and young adults with age groups spanning 5 upto 18 years.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 6th JUNE FROM 7.30pm IN THE LIBRARY.