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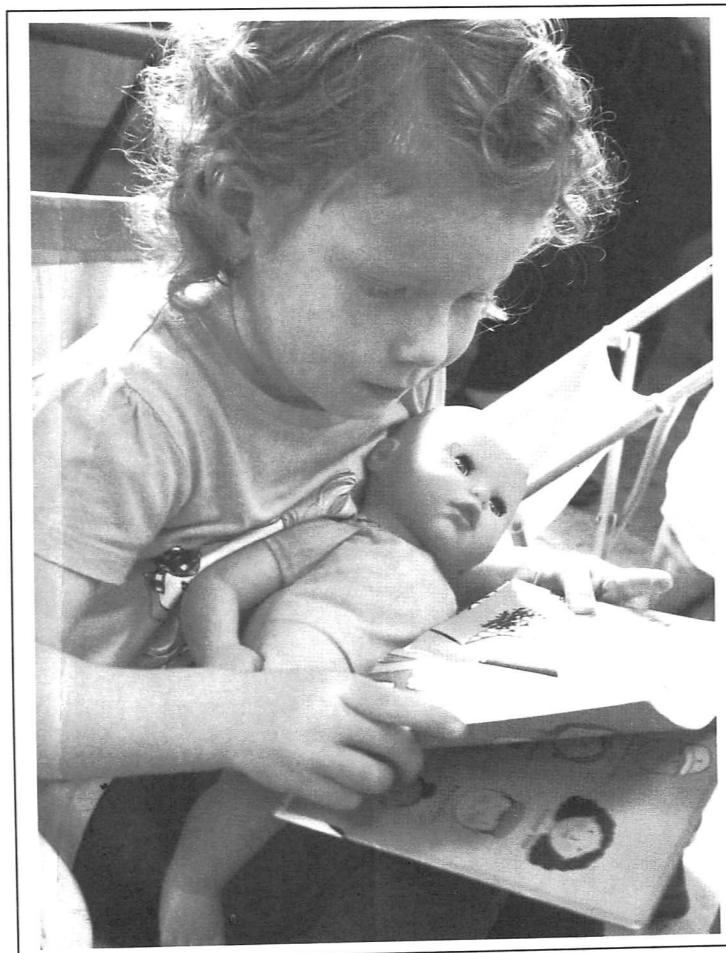
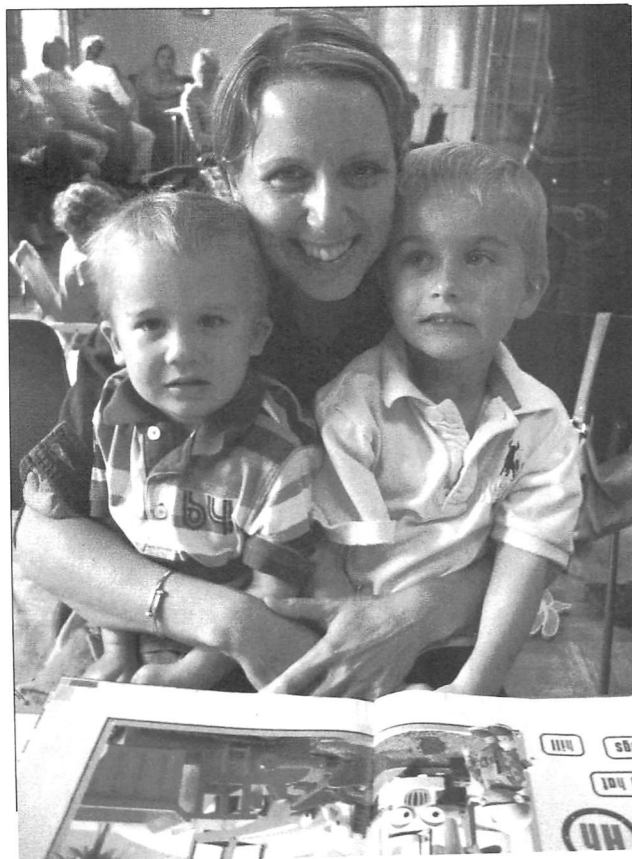
About Ratby

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## PLAYING and LEARNING at RATBY PARENT and TODDLER GROUP

On Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> the special activity was Books and Jigsaws, and you can see how much fun children and parents were having from these pictures! The group is open every Wednesday in school term time in the Village Hall, Main Street, from 9.15 until 11.15, with refreshments for everyone half way through. It's obviously a popular session, and very friendly, with opportunities for children and parents to meet, play together and talk.

Nicola Gridley shares a story  
With Reece and Dylan



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The Girls' Brigade is a great Christian organisation that runs cool groups for 5-14 year olds all over the world. Each group takes part in all sorts of activities that help you to make new friends, have fun, gain awards and learn new skills.

So come along and visit us at  
Ratby Methodist Church  
on Tuesdays  
from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm



For further details contact Alison on  
07853216572

## RATBY CHURCH FETE

Don't forget this annual event, now held in the Church and Church rooms. This year it will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be all the usual attractions, including the Ratby Band and a spectacular abseil down the church tower!

## RATBY CO-OPERATIVE BAND

The Band have a new president, Richard Kenney. Richard plays in the Mid Band, and has a daughter Julie and son Neil both playing in the Senior Band. It's a family affair, as Grandson Christopher has joined the Junior Band.

### CONTEST FINALIST

The Senior Band achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 1<sup>st</sup> Section of the Regional contest held in Bedworth in March. They will be representing the organisation in the National Finals in the Autumn.

Catch the Senior Band playing at the Church Fete, and Junior Band at Ratby Pre-school Fete on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### LETTERS and ARTICLES

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## PARENT and TODDLER GROUP

The group is run by a committee of volunteers, and all money from fees is used for the group to buy toys and equipment, and fund presents for birthdays, and special events. At Easter the group organised an Easter Egg hunt, and once a month Ratby vicar, Peter Hooper comes in to read stories such as 'The very Hungry Caterpillar.' Why not drop in to this friendly session with your under fives? It's friendly and welcoming and there are different activities each week. It costs just £1.50 for the first parent and child, and 50p for each extra person. Contact Rosie on 07841 348742 or Jo on 0116 239 5545 for more information.



Oscar and Oliver



Dads are welcome too!  
Pictured are Gary and Daisy Richardson

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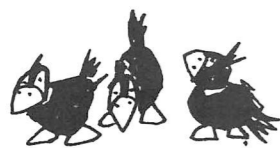
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## OUT TO AFRICA! Support this event at The Railway. July 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm!

Hi, we are four students attending Groby Community College, Sally, Kate, Daniel and Tom. We have been given an amazing opportunity to go on a four week expedition next summer to Tanzania with Camps International.

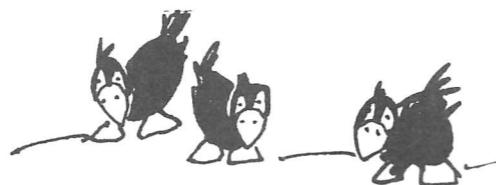
Amongst other community based projects we will help to build a school canteen, take part in an environmental beach clean up, and help to teach the village children.

It will be a unique chance to live in a rural African community, make life-long friends and develop our own social, leadership and teamwork skills.

Our challenge is to raise the funds we need ourselves, a total of £3500 each. Neil and Caroline at The RAILWAY have kindly offered to help us by holding a FUN DAY on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a barbecue, face painting, a host of events from dance displays to chest waxing, a bouncy castle and raffle.

Please come along and have some fun. We would love to have your support. Donations will be gratefully received, together with items we can auction or raffle. Please look out for further fund raising events!

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## CELEBRATING the ROYAL WEDDING

Pictured are members of the Chapel Luncheon Club at the celebration lunch held on Thurs. 28th April to commemorate the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton

Photo by Derry Hurd



### WOT PRESS COVERAGE

We are aware that lots of amazing things go on in the village that don't get featured in Wot. We are a genuinely local magazine, not a profit making business like some others, and we want to promote the local community. Why not send us details of your event? If we can manage it a volunteer will try and report/take photos. E mail [sueboud@hotmail.com](mailto:sueboud@hotmail.com)

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## RATBY VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall at 8pm  
Everyone Welcome, and please bring a friend.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June- 'Funny Side of the Funeral Business.'** Tales from the past and recent events concerning funerals, funny and informative talk by Anne Halsey, a Funeral Arranger.

There is no meeting in July.

**Ratby's First Annual Show  
on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 2 pm.**

The schedule of classes is out now and can be picked up from the library and various shops and businesses around the village. There are classes for everyone to enter, including fruit and vegetables, floral arrangements, cookery, bread making, wine, preserves, a handicraft section, a Young People's Section, and a very special poetry section for both adults and young people. We would like everyone, young and old, resident in Ratby or not, to submit a poem with Ratby as its theme. With thanks to the Library staff your completed poem can be handed in at the Library in Main Street and placed in the box provided for this purpose by **August 6<sup>th</sup>** to allow time for judging to take place. PLEASE enter any or all of the classes in the show and help us to ensure this becomes a successful annual event in Ratby's Calendar.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August-'SWAROVSKI.'** Where have you heard this name recently? Samantha Cameron chose to wear a flower decoration studded with Swarovski crystals for the Royal Wedding. Tonight Mel Pace will talk about his career with this jewellery company.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**  
A two day event this year!  
Art Exhibition and Craft Fair in the Church Rooms. 10-3 pm each day.  
Beautiful crafts and paintings for display and sale

### 25 YEARS!

The OCTOBER issue of Wot will be number 150, marking 25 years of the village magazine. We'd like to make it a special issue, so please think about sending us an article, poem, photograph or letter! Any businesses out there wishing to help us celebrate with perhaps a one-off advertisement, or even starting to place a regular ad?

**RATBY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH  
FLY TIPPING**

Residents are reminded that they have a *Duty of Care* to ensure that the rubbish produced at their home is disposed of by the local waste collection authority or another licensed contractor. Rubbish that is dumped on the highway or in fields is classed as fly tipping.

It may seem unnecessary to check that someone offering to take away your rubbish for a small fee is registered to do so with the Environment Agency, but remember your waste is ultimately your responsibility. Any fly tipping will be checked and if evidence of ownership is traced, you can receive a large fine. So:

**DO NOT HAND OVER ANY RUBBISH OR PART WITH ANY MONEY TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED.**

**RATBY COMMUNITY ORCHARD  
POND DIPPING**

Join us on Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm. for our annual exploration of the pond. Will we find anything new this year? Wear wellington boots or other suitable footwear, and bring a fishing net if you have one, and white plastic container for examining your finds.

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**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS**

During our Centenary Celebrations at Ratby Methodist Church we have had thought provoking services from our preachers and ministers on 'Reflecting.'

We now move onto 'Re-affirming'. Our superintendent Minister Rev. Susan Holmes will be preaching on the 12<sup>th</sup> June at 10am (Pentecost) and Rev Michael Haighton, a Baptist Minister who used to live in Ratby and preach at our church, will join us on the 10<sup>th</sup> July at 10am.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> stand by for our Edwardian Fayre. To be held from 10am to 1pm with a delicious ploughman's lunch, followed by trifle or cheesecake, between 11.30 and 12.30. There will be lots of stalls and games (the writer of this piece is wrestling with how to put together 'Pin the tail on the donkey') So do come and enjoy yourselves.

**RATBY PARISH COUNCIL**

Newly elected Parish Councillors:

Mrs Merle Joyce Chairman  
Mr Ken Hunnybun Vice-Chairman  
Mr Chris Boothby (Borough Councillor),  
Mick Earl, Mrs Avril Hunnybun, Mrs Jenny O'Shea, Mr Ozzy O'Shea (Borough Councillor)  
Mrs Julia Read and Robert Tasker.

The Chairman wishes to acknowledge and thank the work done by the two former Parish Councillors, Tony Daly and Carol Measures.

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etc, etc.

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## CHANGES

Hark the joyful ring of bells  
cascading down from many a tower  
whilst flooding the countryside, compels  
attention to their persuasive power.

Down the years-daily-told the time,  
Tolled the measured funeral call.  
Sunday by Sunday in harmonious chime-  
Matins, Evensong-summons to all.

For Saint's days and celebrations  
Christmas, New Year, Eastertide,  
hearty ringing of felicitations,  
not least to greet the blushing bride!

'Open belfries host visiting bands  
eager to show campanology skills  
with flying sallies in practised hands,  
a 'Grandsire Triples' peal fulfils.

Hear 'Triple Bob Major' or 'Stedham Doubles'  
merrily accompany pastoral sounds,  
a calming balm on cares and troubles  
where're change-ringing sounds and abounds.

But how I deplore Mr Whippy's chime-  
deafening, repetitive, intrusive jangle-  
an intolerable anti-social crime  
sees frayed nerves and sanity tangle!

Hoz

We've noticed that one particular ice cream van in  
the village plays 'La Cucaracha' (The Cockroach)  
Not the most appropriate tune!  
Are there any views out there on the sounds we hear  
nowadays?  
Editor.

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