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Torrential rain couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of the intrepid teams taking part in this year's "It's a Knockout" on what must have been the wettest September 6th ever!

Several competitors were heard to say it was the most enjoyable Knockout to date. And there was widespread dismay when the "Waiter Game" was abandoned; "it just didn't seem the same not getting hit with wet sponges", one team member remarked.

Despite the weather a few spectators did turn up and were rewarded with the astonishing spectacle of normally respectable people getting plastered in mud.

The organisers must have been disappointed by the weather, although Geoff Pullen, main instigator of the 'torture' said, "I was heartened by the enthusiasm of the teams taking part."

The 'knock-out' was devised as a money-raising effort to boost Ratby School funds, and also as a way of bringing people in the village together.

It has succeeded on both counts!

Last year's profits were used to buy a new football strip for the School team, as well as books and mathematical equipment. £300 was raised this year.

For those of you interested in the competitive element, the 'Healey Bearings trophy' went once again to a team from outside the village, Groby Mixed Keep Fit.

Credit must be given to the team from the Working Men's Club for providing the best entertainment and cheerfully coming last once again!



Photos by Mr. P. Smith

The playgroup team won a prize for their Stone-Age costumes which became even more authentic at the end of the mud-splattering event.

Teams are already planning next year's fancy dress, so lets hope for sunshine and the return of the Trophy to Ratby.

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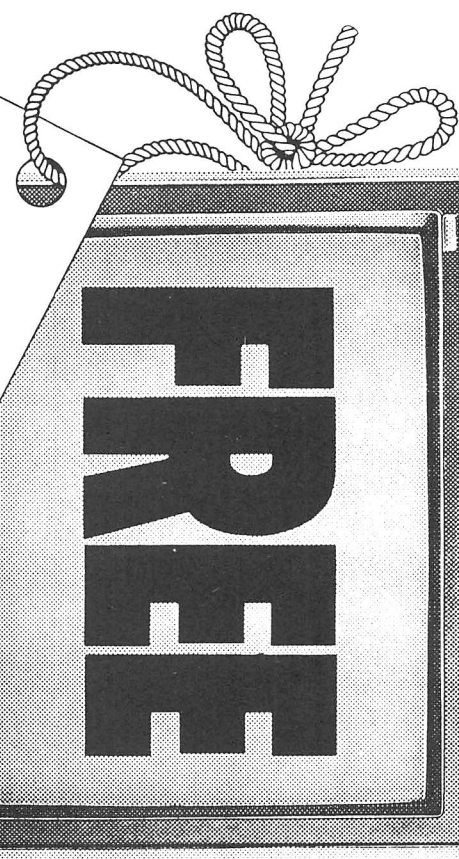
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Editorial

The article in our last issue about Dogs certainly had you reaching for your pens! We have printed a selection of your comments. So much has been said and written on this topic and yet the problem is still with us.

Dog owners themselves MUST surely bear responsibility and show consideration in this matter. So come on dog lovers, let's make Ratby the cleanest village in Leicestershire!!

Our LETTERS PAGE will now be a regular feature. We want to hear your News, Views and Comments.

(Name and address must be supplied, although you may use a pen name).

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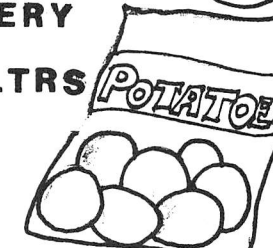
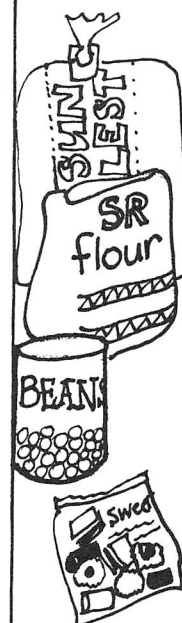
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

A46 Leicester Western Bypass

The Parish Council has expressed concern about a revised plan drawn by Leicestershire county Council showing an alternative route onto the motorway. This new route would necessitate an access road running from a roundabout between Kirby Muxloe and Ratby and then along the valley of Rothley Brook, an important wetland area.

The Parish Council has always questioned the need for the A46 Leicester Western Bypass, because of the inevitable increase in traffic it will generate in Ratby.

Harry Barrett's Chip Shop

The rusting and derelict remains of this once-popular Ratby 'haunt' on Burroughs Lane are soon to be demolished and the site cleared.

This work is part of the environmental improvements instigated by the Borough Council and supported by Ratby Parish Council which have included the provision of litter bins, improvements at Markfield Road and Desford Lane corners and the wall alongside the Bull's Head Car Park.

SPORTS CLUB CAR PARK

When you are shopping in Ratby please make use of this car park and help to alleviate traffic problems on this busy corner. Access is from Desford Lane, and the car park is available between 8 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. on weekdays, 8 a.m. - noon on Saturdays.

Ferndale Drive Play Area

The Parish Council have received estimates for repairs to the damaged perimeter fencing at the Ferndale Drive Play Area. The cost of repairing the entire fence is prohibitive and so the Council have authorised repairs only to the fence adjacent to the car park. This will be done as a matter of urgency to ensure the safety of children.

The Parish Council is aware of the continual spending of rate-payers money on such repairs, money which ought to be available for developing and improving both play areas.

If the current level of vandalism and mis-use of play equipment continues then eventually there may be no recreational facilities for young children.

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THE RATBY BAND

August got off to a hectic but highly successful start with the Musik Fest at Groby, where three evenings of excellent musical entertainment were presented. The event was opened by Mr. Chantrell the Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth. The standard for the weekend was then set with a fine performance by the Ratby Junior Band. On Sunday the final contribution rounding off the event was the performance of the Ratby Band. They presented a lively and entertaining programme which displayed the talents and high standards of their individual members. The soloists being Geoff Wood on Cornet, Carol Braithewaite on Flugel Horn, Stuart Osgood on Trombone, Kaye Root on Baritone and Geoff Newman on Euphonium.

The Band are, of course, very grateful to all of those who participated in the event, their contributions having a significant impact on the success of the event. We hope that they enjoyed taking part and will give their support again next year when it is planned to hold the Musik Fest in June.

As well as being involved in the organisation of and playing at the Musik

Fest the Band were out on Saturday the 8th playing at a Garden Fete in Hinckley.

The next major date for the Band and an even more important date for certain of its members is to be the wedding of Bruce Harris and Lynn Geary. The Band will be playing at the Wedding Service and wish them both a long and happy life together.

The Band are busy preparing a programme to record a new cassette, plus rehearsing for an entertainments contest in Leicester. There are still copies of our "Buglers Holiday" cassette available for only £2.50 for those who have not yet secured a copy. There are still also just a few places left in the 200 club.

The Band will be organising the 'Crowpie Carnival' on Saturday 14th August 1988 and the theme for the parade will be Latin America. The Stella Duce Band from Venlo Holland will be in the village for the weekend and anyone who can remember that wonderful band and majorettes from their last visit in 1979 will look forward to their return.

There will be 100 people coming over from Venlo, if you could provide accommodation for any of them the band would be extremely grateful.

LETTERS

Dear Editor

In the last issue of 'Wot' I was encouraged to read that the police are keen to promote the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme as we are still waiting for a visit from our local bobby.

After the meeting at the Welfare Hall in February he came to see one of our 'contact persons' and suggested that we gather the names of the people interested in forming a watch group, after which he would attend a meeting, show us a video and give us the relevant information on how to set up our own group.

We did as he suggested and have since contacted him on several occasions, he has also been stopped in the street by a neighbour and asked to contact us.

We are still waiting!

Dennis Brookes
1 Bell Close
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RATBY "LITTER LADY"

Once again I am sure I speak for everyone in the village. I am talking about our "Litter Lady". Doesn't she do us proud and what a back-aching job it is too. So please remember where the bins are and help this lady. I'm sorry I don't even know her name, but thank you.

Gwen Holloway

Dear Editor,

The talking point of the village again is the problem of dog dirt on the footpaths and grass verges in Ratby. A very good example is the jitty between Ingle Drive and Church Lane. On many occasions it is almost impossible to wheel a pram through this very busy footway without dirtying the wheels. Outside our house is a sign pointing out the penalties of fouling the footway which dogowners seem to ignore as their dogs commit the offence. People seem unaware that it can cause serious illness and blindness in children.

I should know, my eldest daughter spent two weeks in hospital through it!!

Mrs Sue Mee
27 Ingle Drive

Dear Editor,

As residents of Station Road, Ratby we would like to show an interest in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme mentioned in "WOT", August 1987 Edition.

We have had the experience of our car and visitors' cars being tampered with; we have no garage and park on the road, but we feel this is no reason to expect that.

We are aware that there is a problem in Ratby and would like to help in some way.

Marilyn and Michael Allen
33 Station Road
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Dear Editor,

I feel that I must put pen to paper to show how appalled I was to find that people are using the churchyard to exercise their dogs!

After going there to cut my grandmother's grave, I found dog dirt all over it and was unable to cut it successfully.

I think only the lowest form of person would stoop to such low levels as to do this disgusting act.

Mrs K. Sargent
16 Calverton Close.

FOULING OF CHURCH YARD BY DOGS

At the August meeting of Ratby District Church Council, members were informed that it is becoming common practice for dog owners to exercise their pets in the Church Yard. Relatives visiting family graves find them fouled by dog excreta and are extremely distressed by this. Notices will be displayed at entrances to the Church Yard requesting dog owners to discontinue this practice, and through this magazine, the Church Council respectfully requests members of the public to treat the Church Yard as the hallowed place it is whilst enjoying its peace. The Church Council would add that it recognises the need for replacement gates at the main entrance to the Church Yard as this would obviously restrain stray dogs, be they few, from entering the area. But unfortunately at this time the Council cannot undertake any further expenditure.

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At playgroup we have a responsibility to ensure that we stimulate the eager and interested three year old to want to know more, and to discover more for themselves. We aim to encourage each child to look forward to school with enthusiasm so that they will gain most benefit from the experience.

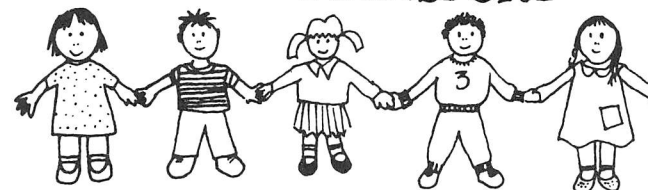
This transition from playgroup to full-time education is made so much easier by the friendly welcome from the staff at Ratby Primary School.

Groups of older children visit the school from playgroup, and we are invited to watch school plays and sports days. The headmaster and teachers have visited playgroup to read stories, or to bring children from the school to watch our concerts.

Thus 'school' becomes familiar to the children and for most is an exciting adventure to look forward to.

Many of these 'new school pupils' have said to Playgroup helpers "Do you still go to playgroup? That's boring. I like school better!"..... And that is just what we like to hear!

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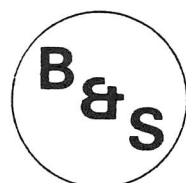
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This Pack Holiday had quite a busy schedule with Squirrel (cook) and Mrs Mole (assistant cook) getting up at 6 o'clock to make sure Brown Owl had her cup of tea in bed before doing anything, not forgetting Rabbit (First Aider) who wasn't keen on getting up early either. All the Brownies were good at getting up, even though they didn't get to sleep until one o'clock in the morning. We didn't know how they did it!

We were very lucky with the weather every time we went on one of our visits the sun shone on us. We had a tour round Swithland reservoir, had a picnic in the Woods, and a look around Hall Farm, a short walk from where we were staying.

Most of the girls earned their cook's badge whilst we were there by cooking some beautiful fairy cakes. This kept Mrs Mole and Squirrel busy in the kitchen most of the time. Well that's what they told Badger (Brown Owl). The girls made some lovely keepsakes to bring home with them, including fluffy hedgehogs, Macramie owls and Teasel mice.

I'm sure a good time as had by all, although I don't know if the bus driver appreciated our singing all the way home.

Looking forward now to Pack Holiday '88!

Rabbit, Squirrel & Mrs Mole

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Mr. Hisam S. Mukaddum has been appointed a Justice of the Peace by the Lord Chancellor.

Mr. Mukaddum, aged 43, a chartered Librarian, has lived in Ratby with his family for eleven years. He has been a member of the BBC Advisory Panel for the last five years, and locally is involved in Ratby School Association.

The Leicester Bench is one of the busiest in the country, and so it looks as though there'll be very little time left for one of his favourite pastimes, gardening.

SCOUT CAMP (Aug. 20-25th 1987)

It was hard to believe as we travelled out of Leek that it had been raining the proverbial cats and dogs as we had slowly made our way in convoy out of Ratby. With the occasional mother shedding a tear or did one have something in her eye? (Don't worry little Johnny's in safe hands!)

Yes a strange phenomenon had appeared in the sky shedding its warm rays of hope and expectancy upon us. This 1st Ratby obviously had somebody on its side. I was just hoping the same individual was on the side of my car as I slowly began to run out of gears, pulling half the troops equipment behind.

I felt sure bets were being taken as there was a discernable moan mixed with the cheers as we made the top of the hill.

We were greeted immediately by panoramic views over the surrounding moors which were to be our home for the next five days.

The aim this year was to place the boys in a more remote environment than other years. Away from the everyday modern conveniences. No flush toilets here, even for the leaders. But the site situated in the midst of some of the most remarkable scenery of woodland and moorland more than compensated for the things it lacked.

The 'camp' was to progress well with a varied outdoor programme culminating with a full day's walking expedition to a rugged area known as the Rockies.

The boys were able to put the use of map and compass into good practice under the watchful eye of myself and Mark Hardy.

I was fortunate that during my stay I met the mother of Peter Watson on one of her rare visits to the site. Peter, a member of the 1st Buxton Scouts died at a very early age of Cancer. It was because he displayed such fortitude and cheerfulness during the course of his extremely painful illness that he was recommended for and awarded posthumously the Cornwall Badge, a decoration regarded as the V.C. of Scouting. To perpetuate his example and memory the scouts of Buxton gave his name to the camping ground. A place to which we will hopefully return.

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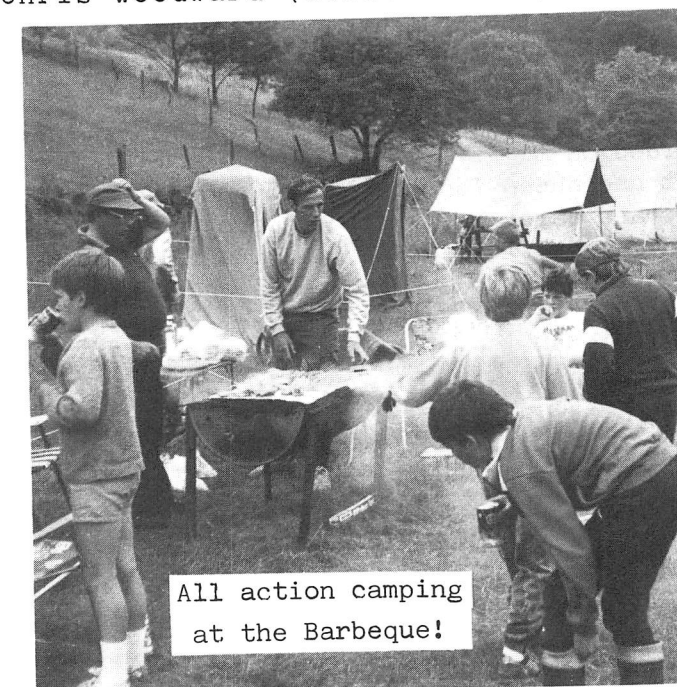
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In conclusion I would like to thank Colin, Mark, 'Moby' and especially Colin's wife Carol for all the hard work they did to make the camp a success.

One final note for the future a plea in fact. I know there are suitably qualified people in Ratby who have something to offer scouting albeit only as temporary instructors. If you can rock climb, sail or canoe please get in touch with myself or Colin Payne or come along on a Friday night between 7.30 and 9.00 p.m. at the Church Halls.

Chris Woodward (Scout leader)



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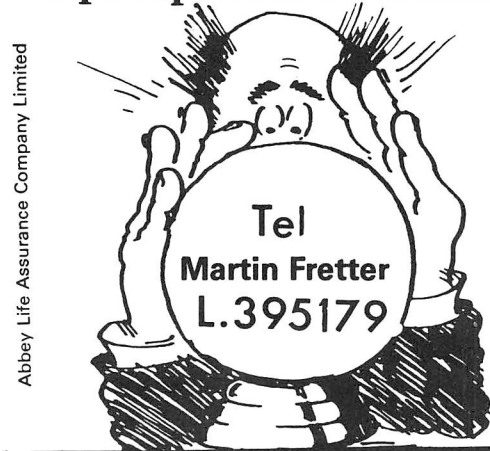
Who in Ratby would think so little of their heritage than to fill the boot of a car or load a van with beds, mattresses, television cabinets, clothes, garden rubbish, trees, toys, sideboards, armchairs, settees, pushchairs, prams, bricks, concrete, wallpaper, advertising leaflets, and bags and bags of Leicester Traders, and without guilt or shame dump it all in a farm gateway and the ditches either side?

Of course the majority will truthfully say "I don't do that", but someone does!

Can I educate those persons who indulge in this unacceptable activity why we have ditches. It is to drain the land so that crops can be grown in fields adjacent to them, that grass can be grown for cattle to feed on to give us either milk or meat and sheep for their wool and meat. They are safety valves to ensure that the land is not flooded. Is it not a folly to block them with unwanted goods and chattels?

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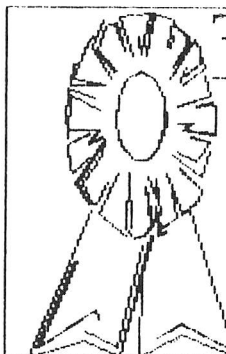
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A46 WESTERN BYPASS

The Exhibition on the Western bypass earlier this year brought a storm of protest to the Department of Transport. I understand that of 400 letters received 382 were from Kirby Muxloe.

When the M1 was constructed a serious error of judgement was made, in my opinion, Protest groups succeeded in pushing it out beyond Markfield, a ridiculous 7 miles from the City whose commerce and industry it was intended to serve. A high price was paid by Ratby: Main Street and Station Road became link roads and a vast area of the ancient Martinshaw Woodland went under concrete.

In 1979 the County Council, City, Blaby District, Charnwood and our own Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council all approved the principal of a Western bypass and accepted the Green Route (as exhibited at County Hall) as the preferred route. Your elected representatives were listened to but were massively out-voted. In 1983 the junction was moved to Kirby Muxloe.

The Western bypass, with its direct link into the M1 and the motorway network would have far reaching effects on villages on the West of the City, not all, of course, would be bad. It is the precise effect on Ratby of the proposed new roundabout between the village and Kirby Muxloe which is causing me concern and on which, together with traffic flows, we need to have firm facts.

Against this background, I suggested to the Parish Council that they invite Mr. Tommy Thompson, Chief Highways Engineer of the County Council, to speak to them, this they have done. Mr. Thompson will tell them of the new proposals which, if approved, he will put to the Department of Transport prior to the Public Inquiry in the Spring of 1988. He will also, of course, hear their views. I shall be present as your County Councillor.

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SWALLOWS

The camp was very successful and it was the 'hot' weekend too which made it marvellous for everyone. The boys discussed it and came to the conclusion the camp fire was the best thing.

During the holiday weeks, we have been very sparse on the ground, the boys have been on holidays. I think next year we will close longer. The boys have now got their 1 year badges and almost all of them have their bronze arrows, which is really good.

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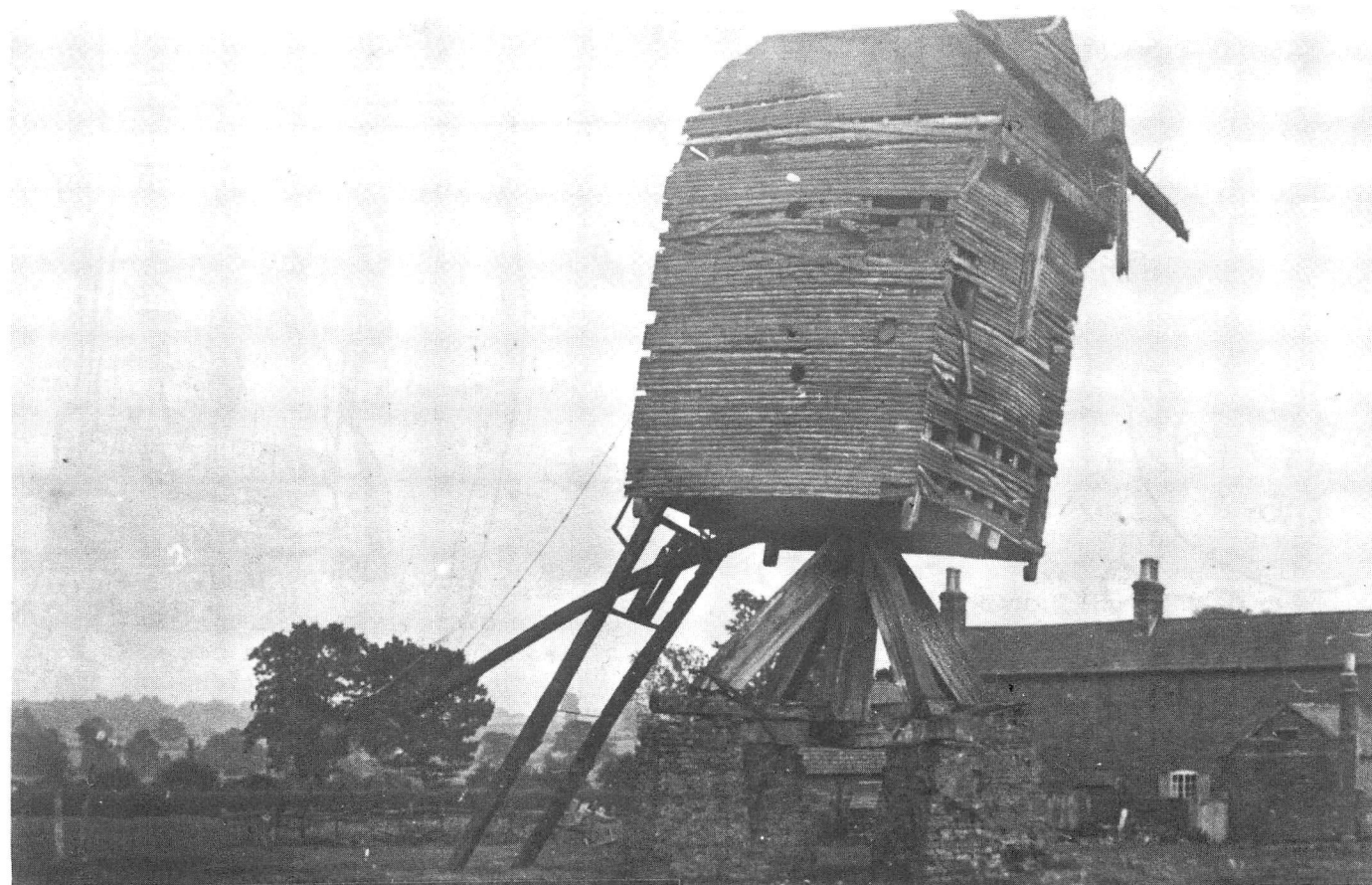
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A Short History of Ratby Mill.

Situated amongst the fine Swithland slate headstones on Ratby churchyard are several memorials dedicated to the memory of the Cufflin family.

The Cufflins had arrived in the locality in the late 17th century and had interests in land in both ratby and Kirby Muxloe parish.

Amongst the Cufflins' assets was a house and windmill (see photograph taken in 1912). The mill house was built in the middle of the 18th century for Mr. William Cufflin. However it is possible that the Cufflins brought in the mill from elsewhere.

There is mention that the mill, a post mill of 16th century date was probably brought in from Nottinghamshire and re-erected in the year 1758. during the latter part of the last century the mill was worked by Mr. Alfred Thomas Cufflin and his wife. The mill remained in use until 1904. However by that date it was in poor repair. In 1894 it had been heavily damaged in a severe storm, and shortly after 1904 was damaged in yet another storm. the mill finally met its end in 1912 when it was finally demolished.

Although the mill is no longer with us it's ancient timbers are still very much around. Many of the large timbers were used for building of the main staircase of Joseph Johnson's shop in Market Street, Leicester (now Fenwicks).

Secondly, the timbers from the tail pole were taken from the mill and used locally. Some of the timber for instance was lathe turned to make offertry plates which served the Methodist church each Sunday until the mid 1960's.

Even the millstones were re-used to form a path at the property in Kirbyfields known as the Holt. At the time of it's demolition, the mill and it's millhouse had served the parishes of Ratby and Kirby for over one hundred and fifty years.

The mill had been in the possession of the Cufflin family for over three generations. Firstly, by William Cufflin, then in 1841 Thomas Cufflin was described in trade directories as the miller there. In turn his son Alfred Thomas Cufflin was by 1860 working the mill. During this time we learn that Mr. Cufflin also baked his own bread and had a substantial bread round. His wife was evidently also a busy lady. Besides the responsibility of the daily work at the house, in 1868 Mrs. Cufflin was advertising four bedrooms as holiday accommodation.

Since the demise of the mill in 1912 it's memory lives on, the mill house still exists and the presence of a mill in the locality was celebrated by the naming of Mill drive in the land adjacent to the site where the old mill once stood.

Michael T. Ball



Ratby's assistant Scout Leader Peter Smith tied the knot with Miss Cheryl Wainwright on August 22nd.

RATBY OLD PEOPLES' WELFARE COMMITTEE

AND

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Monday evenings 7.45 pm
- Bingo session (All ages welcome)

Thursday afternoon 2.30 pm
- Weekly Evergreen Club Meeting

Thursday morning 10.00 am - 12.00 noon
- Weekly Drop In (All ages welcome)

Outings are also organised from these meetings and have proved to be very popular with a very mixed age group.

The Welfare Hall is available most weekends for hire, Childrens Parties and Weddings etc at **very reasonable rates.**

We would welcome new members onto our committee which meets approximately once a month and we would also like help with Bingo sessions and at our weekly Drop-In.

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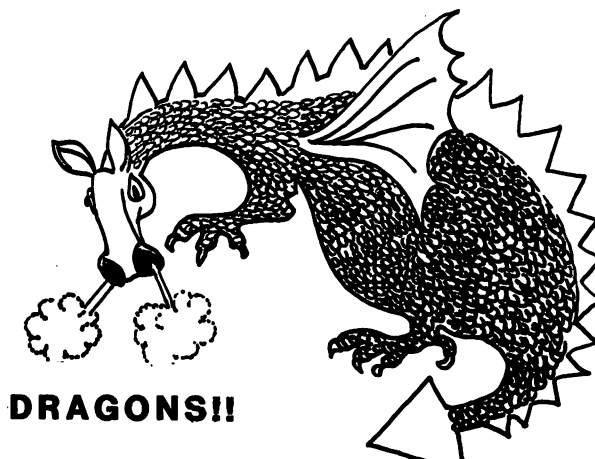
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SCOUT GROUP FUNDRAISING

We had a fancy dress party in aid of fund raising on 12th and raised £30. Costumes ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous, but the winners were in everyone's eyes, two St. Trinians one being Jacinta and the other John Wallbank. We had a really good laugh all night and we thank everyone for their support.

Three who shall be nameless, weren't as drunk as THINKLE PEEP THEY WERE!

Gwen and Roy



DRAGONS!!

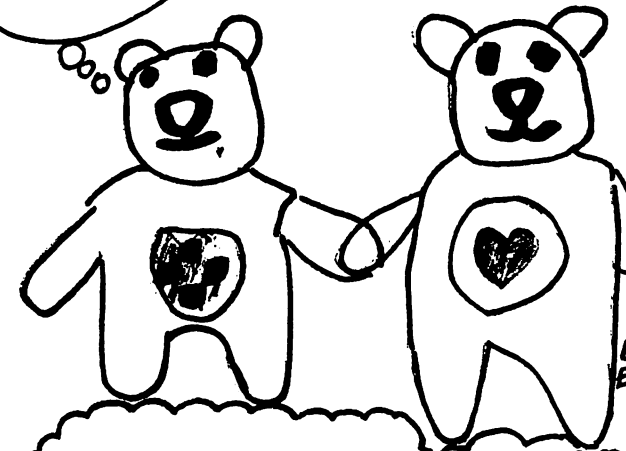
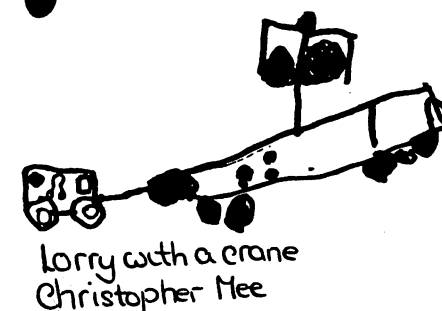
At the beginning of term Ratby school held a special story telling week with people from outside the school invited to read stories to the children. Among the people invited were Margaret Crump the 'lollipop' lady' and Sue Boud. The theme for the week was Dragons.

During the week the school invited Rhyme and Reason bookshop to put on a display of children's books in the hall. Mr. Smith gave an introductory talk about the role parents can play in helping children enjoy reading. Books were on sale at the display and the bookshop is now a regular feature at the school.

Crow Pie

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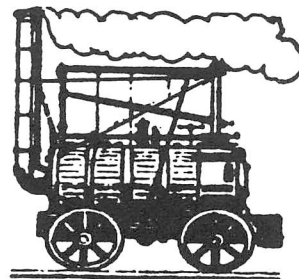
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OUT AND ABOUT

On Saturday and Sunday the 12th and 13th of September, the ancient walls of Kirby Castle were invaded by members of the "King Army". This group of enthusiasts hell bent on re-inacting the exploits of the armies of the English Civil War entertained the assembled spectators with examples of army drill.

The spectacle was brought to life by volleys of gunfire from the musketeers. Whilst several burly pike men marched and drilled alongside them.

Amongst the tents which huddled in the corner of castle grounds the ladies of the army were preparing a spit roasted lamb for the evening meal.

This was the second such display at Kirby Castle in recent years and despite the grey skies was a very enjoyable day out.



**think
green**



If you are interested in our environment, whether it be encouraging birds into your own back garden, or protecting the rain forests, then don't miss Leicester's 'Think Green Festival'. Saturday October 10th is the day. Over 60 exhibitors will be in Granby Halls Leisure Centre from 10 o'clock until 6 p.m. There will be something for everyone with displays by organisations ranging from the R.S.P.B. and 'Friends of the Earth', to Transport 2000 and Twycross Zoo. The environmental theme will be reflected by live dance and drama groups, whilst outdoors in the adjoining park you'll be entertained by Steel Bands, clowns and puppets, and, weather permitting, Hot air balloons.

The Festival looks set to be a great family day out, and an extravaganza of National significance. we all have a responsibility in ensuring the protection of our environment ... our children's inheritance, be it on a local, national or global scale.

SO BE THERE!!

Further information can be obtained by ringing the Organisers, City Wildlife Project on 552550.

THE TUDOR CHOIR

On Saturday 22nd August a concert was given in Ratby Parish Church by The Tudor Choir and Katie Harrison who played the flute. The concert was very well received and almost another £150 was raised to help pay for improvements to the Church Rooms. One result of this concert is that people have asked for an account of the activities and history of the Tudor Choir to be reported in this magazine.

Originally two members of Ratby Church Choir, Helen and Malcolm Rae joined with other singing friends among the members of the Leicester Operatic Players to form a madrigal group for fun. Most madrigals are written for four unaccompanied voices but after a while, the original group wanted to tackle more complex madrigals written for eight voices so other friends from the operatic society and Rachel Smith from Ratby Church Choir were invited to join. This group began entering local music festivals but most of the classes in these festivals were for choirs and the minimum number for a choir was 16. So by further invitations the madrigal group was again doubled in size and became a carefully balanced choir with 4 sopranos, 4 contraltos, 4 tenors and 4 basses. Another member of Ratby Church Choir - Valerie Wilde (nee Johnson) was included as was Julia Hargreaves, the daughter-in-law of Jane Hargreaves - the church treasurer. There were, therefore, very strong links with Ratby Church but also with other C of E Churches notably St. Anne's, Western Park, Leicester. Among the members are The Revd. Graham Spencer, a team-vicar at Melton Mowbray and the deputy Diocesan Secretary Mr. Geoffrey Clarke who is also the choir's organist.



Katie Harrison with her flute.

The Musical Director and Conductor of the Choir is Mrs. Judy Dodd who is a professional musician. Several of the other members have played leading parts in operatic productions.

In 1986 The Tudor Choir won the 'Mercury Bowl' for the best choir at the Leicester Music Festival. Earlier that year, they sang Schubert's Mass in G at the Deanery Mother's Union Festival when it was held in Ratby Church. Rarely, outside Cathedrals and concert halls are these great classical settings of the Holy Communion Service sung let alone used at the Service. This act of worship clearly made a deep impression on those present and as a result the Tudor Choir were invited to sing it again for special festival services at St. John's Clarendon Park Road, Leicester and at Stoney Stanton. The choir have also done charity concerts at the Leicester Museum and a number of different churches.

The repertoire of the choir is by no means confined to Tudor music although there has been much unaccompanied singing in it. Most concerts like the recent one at Ratby include sacred, secular and silly items ranging from early tudor motets to Beatles Pop Songs and the latest compositions of living composers like Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Perhaps there is still another reason for calling it the 'Tudor Choir' in that one of its bases has been in Ratby which has strong connections with the Tudor dynasty and the Tudor Rose.

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'GALA WEEKEND!'

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"Fantastic support from the people of Ratby"

This is the statement that best describes the success of the 1987 Gala Weekend.

We can be thankful for the good weather throughout the weekend and a genuine feeling of joy at the many attractions provided.

Our visitors from S'heerenhoek had a safe trip back to Holland and a recent letter from them stated the weekend was a great success for them and many more hoped to return in the future.



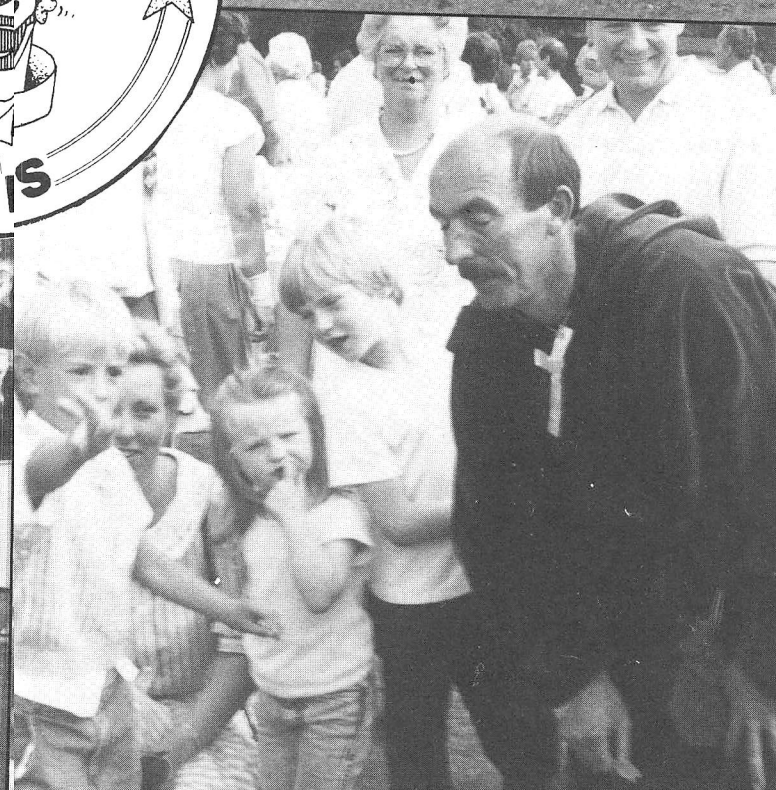
There are many tributes and thanks to be made and all of those who worked and organised this event can be proud of their individual achievements.

Again on behalf of the Ratby Sports Club and the Gala Committee we would like to thank all of our Sponsors and Advertisers for supporting our event.

Our final thanks to the people of Ratby for their support and contributions towards the success of our Gala Weekend.

For and on behalf of Ratby Gala Committee.

Richard Smith.



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