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1st Ratby Swallows District Sports Experience



The Annual District Sports Day event for Leicester West Cubs Packs was held this year on the 14th June. Whilst the organisers tried desperately to get gates unlocked to the Glenfield County Primary School sports field, more and more packs arrived and we all stood in the pouring rain together. Most of my Cubs relieved me of my umbrella and all crouched underneath it to keep dry, ah well, just typical of the unselfishness of Akelas everywhere. We were very pleased to see so many Mums and Dads there to support their child and to cheer on the pack, despite the weather. As the event got under way, the rain eased and we got ourselves some good weather for the races. Our Team got off to a brilliant start, winning 3 heats out of the first 5 events. All the Swallow Cubs did so well in the heats, we had some one in nearly every final. At the end of the afternoon all the Swallow Team had won certificates, some more than one, and the Swallow team finished overall out of 11. I'm sure all the parents would agree, the Swallows made a fantastic effort, well done everyone.

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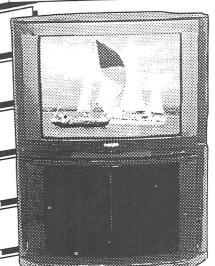
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This years Summer Cub Camp was held at Oaks in Charnwood in June on probably the wettest weekend in 1997 and although many of the items on the programme were disrupted because of bad weather, we adapted the programme to continue indoors. To the credit of all the Cubs and my fellow leaders, spirits were high and we all enjoyed the weekend. Lets hope for better weather next year.



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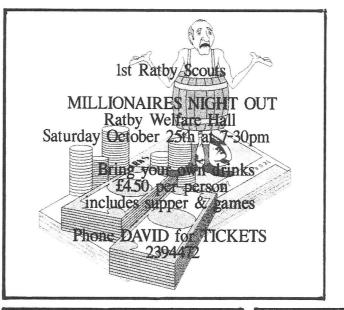
COME IN AND SEE FOR YOURSELF

In the last few months two brass bands in the Ratby area have disbanded. The Ratby Co-operative Band however has not only had one of its most successful seasons ever Ratby Co-operative but a significant expansion programme has been announced.

The present organisation consists of about one hundred musicians or would-be musicians in learners' classes, a Even greater success was to follow. In March the band Training band, a Junior band and a Senior band. The travelled to Nottingham with twenty other First Section Senior band will be promoted to the National bands for the Midland Area Championships, an Championship section (the brass band equivalent to the eliminating contest for the National Titles. Ratby was Premiership) on January 1st and it is felt that youngsters progressing through the organisation will find the jump participate in the National Finals at the Symphony Hall, of Junior band to Championship band a little daunting. It has been decided that an Intermediate band will be Section Champions and promotion to the formed. This will provide a challenge for enthusiastic youngsters and an opportunity for adults who perhaps do not possess the requisite skills for a championship

To bring the contest season to a grand climax the band band. It is hoped that this new band will have its own programme and will participate in contests in its own right.

The Senior band's season began in October 1996 with an excellent second place at the Pontins Championships held at Prestatyn and open to bands from all over the British Isles.



Band

awarded first prize! This resulted in an invitation to Birmingham in September, the title - Midland Area First Championship Section next year.

travelled to Holland in July to take part in the World Music Contest at Kerkrade. This contest, held every four years is for bands from all over the world and takes place over about four weeks. Ratby Co-operative has participated five times previously and had a collection of five Gold Medals. This year they faced a tough test. The Test Piece selected by the contest authorities was a difficult ultra-modern piece and the bands own choice was a very difficult original test piece from the thirties. The band had to play one piece following the other without a break. At the end of the afternoon it was announced that the Band had been awarded a Gold Medal with distinction obtaining higher marks than the band had scored before. Even better was to follow, as the band was awarded a trophy for the highest marks of the day and since have learned that they were winners of their class.

The Junior band has during the year been busy with concerts, garden parties and other events. The whole organisation appreciates the support of people in the Ratby area and hopes for opportunities to play an active part in local activities.

If you or anyone you know of would be interested in joining the bands either as player or learner please ring Geoff Newman on 0116 238 6954.

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If you have answered 'Yes' to any of the above then read on.

As part of its Urban Fringe Countryside Project Leicester County Council and The National Forest Company together with Ratby Parish Council are hosting a presentation on Community Orchards on Monday, 20th October 1997 in the Library, Main Street, Ratby at 7.00 p.m.

give an interactive talk on the history of orchards, orchards within a short distance of most people, the cultural and conservation value of orchards and each producing a variety of tastes far superior to past, present and future opportunities for local anything found in the shops today? Perhaps you communities to develop orchards in their Parish. are lucky enough to have your own stock of apple There will be an opportunity to taste several different varieties of apples that are not normally found in the supermarkets. In other areas where Paul has given these talks there has been a high level of interest in developing orchards and the presentations themselves have been very enjoyable and great fun.

> If you have an interest in orchards and in particular if you like the idea of developing one in Ratby then come along to what promises to be a very informative and entertaining evening.



Ratby Parish Council

VANDALISM IN RATBY

Vandalism is costing Ratby residents in excess of The majority of maintenance man-hours is taken enjoyment of facilities provided by residents through their Council Tax.

The playgrounds in Ferndale Drive and Burroughs Road have, in particular, suffered at the hands of vandals during the Summer months: swings have been damaged to such a degree as to make them dangerous to use; a slide has been left with broken and jagged edges - lethal if a child fell against it; toddler playing equipment has been damaged as a result of misuse by people it was not designed for. A lot of the damage is carried out repeatedly - once one item is repaired or replaced another is targeted by the vandals. The manufacturers of the It is difficult to imagine the type of person that gets equipment have been attending the play areas sometimes on a weekly basis to survey and repair damage.

£3,000 a year. Crime in our village is depriving with clearing up after vandals - sweeping glass from everyone, from young toddlers to the elderly, of the playgrounds, removing paint which has been daubed on play equipment and seating and carrying out repairs where possible.

> In addition to the damaged referred to above, during the past few months three bench seats have been severely damaged by vandals - one of them is beyond repair and will have to be replaced. A picnic bench roof has been removed and destroyed and another picnic bench has been loosened from its fixings. Fencing has been damaged Mature trees have had their bark stripped thus ensuring that they will die.

> any benefit from such behaviour - most people see it as senseless. We can all play a part in preventing vandalism by being extra vigilant and reporting incidents to the Police - tel. Leicester 222 2222. There are many worthy causes in Ratby which could benefit from an extra £3,000.



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1st RATBY BROWNIES

1st Ratby Brownies have had a busy and happy year. We have enrolled a number of girls into our pack - some from Rainbows and some non-Rainbows. And have been others pass through their three years and move on to Guides or other

We were very pleased to have Pam Jewitt join us as Snowy Owl last September, after moving on from being a Rainbow leader. Pam has helped a great deal in the planning, organising and running of meetings, as has Julie Tomkins (Little Owl) who has staved with us after coming to help out temporarily. Rosie Glenister (Tawny Owl) has been unable to attend many meetings this year for a variety of reasons, and due to work commitments, has decided to step down for a year. Thanks for all your hard work Rosie, during your stay.

On the 1st August at 1pm, nineteen Brownies and four leaders set off for Kettering for our Disney themed Pack Holiday. Everybody was excited as we travelled by coach to the Woodcroft Scout site. A lot of the girls were only seven or eight years old and it was their 1st Pack Holiday. After the initial unpacking and setting up, we were ready to start the fun. We made name badges, bed nameplates, Disney cookies, sweets in Dalmatian boxes, Pocahontas jewellery and headgear, Snow White's under-the-sea air fresheners, paperweights, peg doll princesses and Disney collages. The girls worked well and behaved responsibly within their three groups - Dalmatians, Lion Kings and Toy Stories, supervised by Pocahontas, Ariel, Snow White and Purdy. They prepared and cooked meals, served at the tables, and did the housework, as well as enjoying themselves. And the majority of them behaved very well throughout the five days. Our treat while we were away was a day at Wicksteed Park (which was just around the corner) and I think everybody enjoyed themselves on the rides or watching others. The fact that the weather was good for the whole time helped to make it a good holiday. Hove Pack Holidays, and find the pleasure and happiness that is shown by girls and leaders makes all the hard work and preparation worthwhile. Again, I couldn't have done this without Pam and Julie's help. Thank you all - also thank you for the lovely present you bought me.



The Brownies pictured at the Woodcroft Scout Site

Over the year, the Brownies have been progressing through the three stages of their journey work, gained interest badges e.g. Book Lover, Pet Lover, Swimmer, Safety in the Home. We have made numerous craft items, including Brownies. A lovely finish to the year. cassette boxes, pasta picture frames, cooking, Mother and Father's day gifts. We had two guest Hopefully we will be rested after the holidays and speakers - a lady from Leicester Hedgehog Rescue Society brought hedgehogs for us to see and gave a very interesting and informative talk on their work. And Angie Saunt came and wore us all out with a very enjoyable keep-fit evening. We Marylyn Smith finished for the Summer holiday by having a super fun night and supper at the Bull's Head skittle

I'm sure I speak for my assistants as well as myself when I say that our work with the Brownies is mostly pleasurable and rewarding and good fun when appreciated by Brownies and parents. It is time consuming and entirely voluntary, but the proud, smiling faces in our pack, make it worthwhile. We recently received a very nice thank you letter from the parents of a leaving Brownie - thanking us Owls for all we had done. This again, is a very gratifying experience. (We've saved it to read again, to keep us going when things aren't so easy or pleasing).

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Finally, we were very pleased to be invited to the wedding service of Denise (2nd Ratby's Brown Owl) and Nick on the 9th August at St Phillip and St James. Three leaders were there with four Brownies (where were the other twenty?) to wish them every happiness, throw confetti everywhere and get in on the photograph with Denise's

ready to go back to Brownies in September - new Brownies, new ideas and more fun filled Brownie Guidina.

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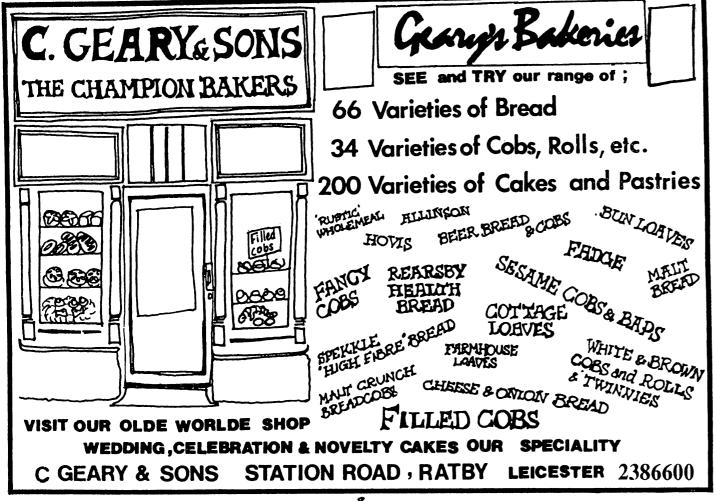
house, of stony forbidding appearance, completed in The story started with packhorses and followed 1830 incorporating a bay of the previous 1633 manor. developments in the conveyance of passengers, mail and The house, once the seat of the Earls of Harrington, may look grim but the grounds with a lake are superb and were designated a Country Part in 1968. It has a particular connection with Ratby as those who affectionately remember Charlie Garratt (or who have romance - and rigours - of horse drawn travel in past read his fascinating life story 'Charlies Tale') will know very well. Charles came to live in Ratby in 1947 and for over four decades must have been one of its best loved characters. In his youth he had worked at Elvaston look as glamorous on Christmas cards two hundred Castle for two years, carrying the rank of third footman, years hence! before joining the army in 1914.

The walled country garden and farm buildings were visited following which the party selected a beautiful spot to sit on the grass and enjoy their picnics before joining the hurly burly of the weekend traffic maelstrom on the way home.

Summer now seems far distant but for those members of Traffic of a more leisurely, but somewhat more exciting, England' given by Mr Kenneth Day at the August meeting. Those were the days when, literally, it took In truth it is not really a castle but a crenellated country days to travel anywhere but the shortest of distances. merchandise, through to the stage coach era. It was well illustrated with photographs depicting some tangible reminders such as coaching inns, tollgates and pub signs, as well as reproductions of pictures showing the

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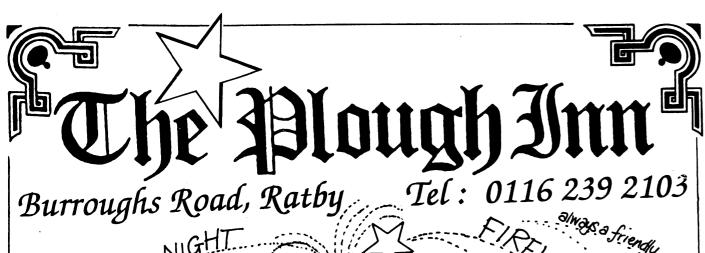


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