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RATBY PARISH CHURCH NEWS

St. Philip's and St. James Church

Evening services restart from October on the *first and third* Sunday of the month, beginning at 6.00pm. All are welcome.

On the first Sunday of each month there will be a communion service beginning at 6.00pm.

On the third Sunday there will be a service of evening prayer which will focus each month on one of three themes; Peace in our world, Reconciliation amongst people and Prayers for healing and wholeness. This will begin at 6.00pm and will use traditional and modern forms of prayer.

The service on 17th October will be a special memorial service for those who have lost loved ones, to which recently bereaved people will be invited. This will begin at 3.00pm and is open to all.



AUCTION IN AID OF CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

The Parish Church is continuing its efforts to raise money to pay for the eradication of Dry Rot from the roof. It is now estimated that the cost will be of the order of £144,000.

It is hoped that part of this sum will be obtained from English Heritage and other charities, but we must continue to organise local events to make up the total.

Last year an auction realised in excess of £1000. We hope this year's event will be as successful.

The Auction will be held on November 6th, in the Church Rooms.

We desperately need items to auction.

So why not clear out those roof spaces, that cupboard under your stairs, and your garden shed. Please take items to the Vicarage, or to the Church Rooms on the evening prior to the auction. Please note, we cannot legally auction electrical goods.

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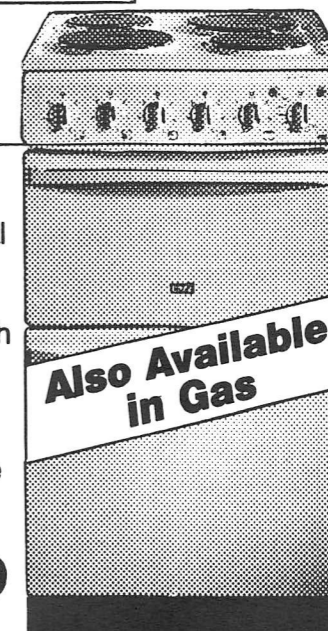
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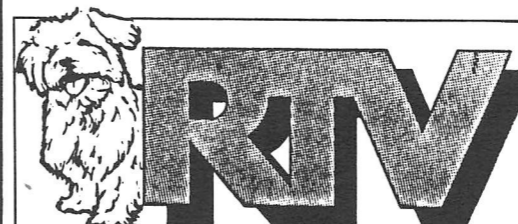
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RATBY CO-OPERATIVE BAND NEWS

Thirty years ago John and Margaret Grinnell collected a few young musicians together. John was Musical Director of Ratby Band at the time. summer 187 young players from all over the country travelled to Sturminster Newton to take part in what is now the Wessex Band Course. Many experienced tutors led by the well known brass band conductor Derek Broadbent shared their skills with the pupils.

The course concludes with a gala concert, this year held in Salisbury City Hall. At that concert, three of Ratby's young players received awards. Congratulations to Becky Plant, Sarah Ball and Mark Nethercot.

The Mid-band, conducted by Geoff Newman, have just returned from their first overseas trip. They spent a long weekend in Rachtig, on the Mosel in Germany, for the annual 'Street Wine Festival'. The band gave four street concerts and played at an old people's home as well as a Theme Park.

RATBY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

HIGHLIGHTING DRUGS

Our guest speaker at the September 9th meeting was PC Ian Hamilton from the local Drug Squad. He gave an insight into the variety of illegal drugs and the effect these can have on users and their families. He spoke of the cost to individual drug users, and how this could result in crimes such as burglary and car crime. A video highlighted the points he had made.

People at the meeting felt the talk should be given to a wider audience, particularly families with children about to enter their teens. A file is being set up in Ratby Library. Anyone expressing an interest should sign up so that a further talk can be arranged.

RATBY SCHOOL POSTER COMPETITION

During October pupils of the school are being invited to produce a poster highlighting the current National Neighbourhood Watch Property Marking Campaign.

Ratby Parish Council

Tel. 239 0167

Parish Council Office

Work is currently under way at 13 Station Road in converting it into an office for the Parish Council. Some major structural repairs are required on this 19th Century building and considerable internal alterations are also required to bring it up to the required standard of a modern office. It is anticipated that the office will be ready for occupation in early 2000.

Commemorative Feature - Ex-railway line

A special feature, commemorating the Leicester/Swannington Railway line has been approved by Leicestershire County Council who now own the Right of Way from Ratby to Glenfield which was once part of the railway line. A drawing of the proposed feature which will mark the entrance to the Right of Way at Station Road, Ratby has been approved by the Parish Council and by Horace Gamble who gave a lot of his time to the project. Finding suitable sections of rail which may be used in the display is the next goal and of course finding sources of funding for the project which will be completed next year.

Thanks for Service

Steve Boud of 3 Ingle Drive has served as Parish Councillor since May 1996. As Chairman of the Leisure and Recreation Committee (since August 1996) Steve has worked tirelessly for the good of the village: a seven year lease on Burroughs Road Rec; new play equipment on Burroughs Road; a three-year grounds maintenance contract; a Community orchard and village pond are just some of the benefits that Ratby enjoys as a result of the enthusiasm and commitment of Steve and other members of the Leisure & Recreation Committee. Regrettably Steve has now resigned from the Council. We thank him for his work and commitment and wish him every success in his future career.

1st RATBY SCOUT GROUP
MILLENIUM EVE
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MILLENIUM PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

An enthusiastic team of seventeen people is engaged in photographing events and scenes in the village for The Millenium Album to accompany the old photographs which we are hoping to borrow and copy, as requested in the last issue of Wot.

Thanks to those who have already responded. We are still in need of many more, so if you have anything which you can loan, please do come forward.

Contact 14 Calverton Close. 238 7240

Next Meeting 11th November at 7.30

RATBY APPLE DAY

Sunday 31st October

Ratby Community Orchard

Taverner Drive, 2-4pm

Come along and join in the fun. There will be a quiz, games, Apple tasting and identification, demonstrations and pies! The winner of the Ratby Primary School Poetry Competition will be announced.

There is still time to see the Orchard Group's exhibition in Ratby Library. Up until 16th October, you can see designs for the Totem Pole by local children, photographs and displays featuring Tree planting and pond creation.



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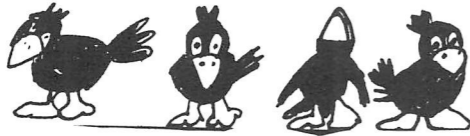
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October 13th 'Grave Moments; Welford Rd Cemetery' with Derek Seaton.



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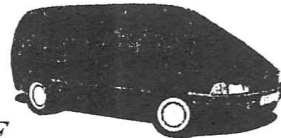
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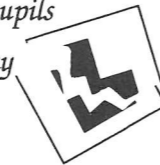
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VILLAGE MILLENIUM UPDATE

The village's Millenium steering group held a meeting on September 9th and plans for all of 2000 were progressed further. Details of events leading up to and including the Millennium events, are listed below.

RATBY

DATE & TIME

OCTOBER

Sat 30th tba Folk
Sat 30th tba Barn
Sun 31st tba Junic

NOVEMBER

Sat 6th tba Even
Sun 14th 10.40 Remo
Tues 16th 7.30 Mem
Sat 20th tba Autu

DECEMBER

Sat 4th tba Band
Fri 17th tba Festiv
Sun 19th 10.30 Nativ
" tba Band
" 6 pm Carol
Wed 22nd 7.30pm Carol
Fri 31st 8.00pm Barn

JANUARY 2000

Sun 2nd 2.00pm Proce
(service at 3.00pm) of Pra
Sat 8th tba Child
Mon 10th tba Mille
Tues 18th 8.00pm Talk
Sat 22nd tba Band

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EVENTS INTO THE MILLENIUM

EVENT	ORGANISERS	VENUE
Group Concert	Methodist Church	Chapel
Dance	Parish Church	Church Rooms
r Band Comp.	Ratby Band	Band Room
ing Auction	Parish Church	Church Rooms
embrance Service	Joint Churches	Parish Church
bers Social/meal	Village Society	Welfare Hall
mn Bazaar	Parish Church	Church Rooms
Carol Concert	Ratby Band	Church Rooms
ve Music Concert	Ratby Band	Parish Church
ity Service	Joint Churches	Chapel
Village Tour	Ratby Band	Village Streets
s by Candlelight	Joint Churches	Parish Church
s around the Tree	Joint Churches	Welfare Hall
Dance Party	Scout Group	Church Rooms
ession and Songs	Joint Churches & Band	Village Route & Church
aise Service	Churches	Leic.Cathedral
rens' Celebration	Church Roof Fund	Chapel
nnium Quiz	Village Society	Welfare Hall
& Slides-Bruges	Ratby Band	Parish Church

A FURTHER LIST

If you know of any events, why not come along to the next meeting on Thursday November 18th

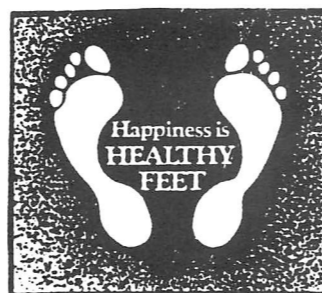
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events, why not come along to the next meeting on Thursday at 8.15 pm in the Church Rooms, or phone 239 4472



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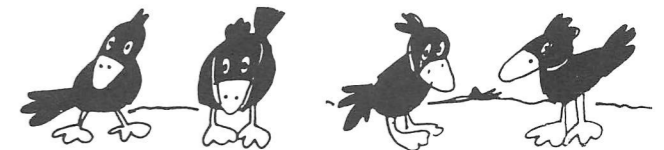


POETS' CORNER

A reply, with apologies to The Sunrise Sonnet by Hoz in the August issue of Wot!

I have heard
That every bird
Joins in the dawn chorus.
The loud call of the wren
Is a welcome to all men.
The cheeky robin
Sets me joggin'.
Antics of the blue tit
Makes him a real wit.
Smart Mr Blackie
Is a happy chappie.
The soft coo of the dove
Brings thoughts of love.
Love of life,
Forget the world's strife
With the dawn chorus.

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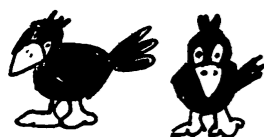
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EXPLORING IN COUNTY AND CITY



July is the month when there is no regular scheduled meeting, but instead an outdoor Sunday event usually attracts enough support to warrant the arrangements.

Staunton Harold, near Melbourne, was the venue for this year's outing, enjoyed by eighteen members. It was good to welcome our two out-of-towners from Oakham again.

Staunton Harold Hall dates from the 15th Century, but only part of the original remains. The present building is mainly of 18th Century construction. During the last war it was requisitioned by the Army, and then purchased by Group Captain Leonard Cheshire for use as a nursing home. The former library houses a popular cafe and charity shop.

The beautiful Gothic style church nearby is unusual in that it was built in 1653 by Sir Robert Shirley, baronet, when Cromwell's troops were busy desecrating as many churches as possible. Shirley's defiance led him to be beheaded in the Tower of London at the age of 27.

There are other attractions to while away a pleasant summer afternoon, in the shape of a large garden centre with its own cafe, and yet another cafe in the former stable block which also houses art and craft shops.

Medieval Leicester

Another outdoor event took place in August when members were treated to an instructive, entertaining evening led by Lynn Mellor, on a town trail around Medieval Leicester.

Commencing at Wygeston's House in Applegate, built in 1500 for a rich wool merchant, and now a costume museum, we moved on to the site of the High Cross, now marked by cruciform stones set in the roadway, which was the place of the Friday market.

Nearby the 12th Century St. Nicholas Church, next to the Jewry Wall contains some earlier Saxon work. Bore interesting than that are the Roman made bricks incorporated in the tower.

On then to Castle Park with its splendid Castle House built in 1446, adjoining St. Mary de Castro, parts of which date from 1107. Here the five year old Henry VI was knighted. The Norman hall of the castle is unfortunately hidden by the 17th century brick facade and thus does not qualify for Medieval status.

In the Newarke (the New Work) sits the delightful Chantry House built in 1511 for the priests of a different St. Mary's, now marked by a plaque near the Technical school opposite.

The eastern wall of the town, where W.H. Smith and Walkers are situated was also the boundary of the Saturday Market known to have existed before 1066, and still going strong!

The jewel in the crown is The Guildhall, built in 1347, and extended in 1450 for the Guild of Corpus Christi. Although overshadowed by more well known places such as Lavenham and York, Leicester is not without its Middle Ages charm if one has as competent a guide as Lynn Mellor to unfold the history.

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