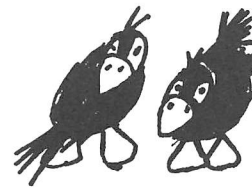




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## About Ratby

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Ratby born sister and brother, Natalie and David Sperry organised a fund raising event in memory of their mum, Carolyn Sperry. Customers at The Plough Inn watched as Natalie had her hair completely chopped off, and David had a painful leg wax. Well wishers were invited to cut Natalie's hair in exchange for a donation. Natalie stated, 'Every day people are told they will lose their hair through cancer treatment, and they worry. I see it a lot in my job as manager at the Martanne Hair Salon in Wigston. I want to show that it's life that's important, not your hair. Thanks to everyone who has sponsored us so far, and helped to prevent others going through what we have.'

The event was held on Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup>, the first anniversary of their mum's death after a five year fight against cancer. The pair are hoping to raise £2000 for Cancer Research UK. It is not too late to help them achieve the target. Log onto [www.justgiving.com/natalieanddavid](http://www.justgiving.com/natalieanddavid)



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## News from St Philip and St James.

Well the bucket and spade has been packed away until next year and things are getting back to normal at church as we move into autumn. However, not wanting to do things by half we're about to start two big projects to see us through this season. We've just started an Alpha course where a group of people are meeting in a local pub to chat about what it means to be a Christian in today's world. If you would like to join in, there may just be a spare chair and a pint – contact Richard our vicar for details.

At the end of November, 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> to be precise, we're holding another Festival weekend. This year it's called 'Carols for Christmas' and part of the event will be supporting the Rainbow Ruby Appeal. There will be displays, a bazaar and a concert on the Saturday. We hope that individuals, families, local groups and business organisations will want to be a part of this village event so get planning. Once again, contact Richard to be pointed in the right direction to join in. So now you've no reason to be bored or feel lonely with all these activities happening.

## RATBY METHODIST CHURCH

To whom it may concern!

To those of 'a certain age' we offer a warm invitation.

If you can answer 'YES' to at least two of the following questions, you may consider joining a group of similarly afflicted folk, namely the Methodist Monday Circle.

- At a loose end on Monday afternoon/evening?
- Over 60 ish?
- Enjoy friendly, light hearted company?
- Still got a pulse?
- Feel younger than your years? (most days?)
- Can't remember what you did yesterday?

Maybe we have something to offer each other. Currently we have 21 members of very mixed experience and background, ex mechanics, Butcher, Cooks, Nurses, a Security Guard, Civil Servant etc. etc., and a few clever clogs who can surf the net. About half are Methodists, active in varying degrees; others are of different persuasions or of none at all.

## RATBY DEVELOPMENT

There will be an exhibition in Ratby Library on Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 5-7 p.m. to inform villagers of future development plans and expressions of interest. Maps of designated areas will be displayed. Representatives from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council will be in attendance to answer questions and give more detailed information.

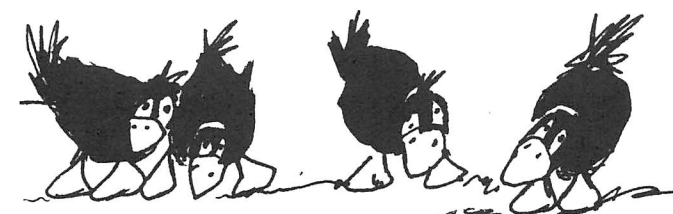
Our meetings vary between 2.30 and 7.30, according to the activity or season. Walks, talks, discussions, quizzes, visits to local points of interest, the occasional meal out etc, all being tolerated by everyone for the sake of good company.

If any of the above strikes a chord, why not just drop in on one of our meetings, speak to a member or ring our secretary Jenny, on **0116 239 5672**

We doubt if you will regret it!

October dates at 2.30 pm;

- 8<sup>th</sup> Trivial Pursuits. (Ladies v Gents)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Debate
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Open House at Bill and Mary's
- 29<sup>th</sup> Favourite poetry.



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## REMEMBERING

### RATBY SERVICE MEN KILLED IN WORLD WAR II

Mrs Kathleen Green of Groby has kindly sent in these records of War Cemetery burials. They will be of general interest and of particular poignancy for any remaining relatives in the village. Her husband recalls that news of four of the group arrived on the same day, a sad time in Ratby.

Mrs Green says that the records were made by Mr George Finney of Ratby, who did extensive research. The information is from the War Graves Commission, 24/10/1984

#### **4200661 Sgt Joseph Tildesley**

7<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Royal Welsh Fusiliers. (aged 24) 24<sup>th</sup> October 1944  
Son of Joseph and Rose Elaine Tildesley.  
Husband of Edith Tildesley of Retford, Notts.  
Buried at UDEN War Cemetery, Netherlands, Plot 3, Row A, Grave 7

#### **4859855 L/Cpl Arthur Flint**

2/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Leicestershire Regiment (aged 26) 16<sup>th</sup> November 1944  
Son of James and Frances Flint of Ratby.

Buried at FAENZA War Cemetery, Italy. Plot 3, Row E, Grave 14

#### **4865518 Pte Wilfred Muir**

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion The Leicestershire Regiment. (aged 21) 12<sup>th</sup> February 1942  
Next of kin uncertain.

The Singapore Memorial Column 66

#### **5890188 Pte Eric Lewis Elverstone**

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (aged 23) February 7<sup>th</sup> 1944  
Son of Lewis and Bertha Annie Elverstone.  
Husband of Mary Elizabeth Elverstone of Anstey.  
Buried at Minturno War Cemetery, Italy. Plot 6, Row B Grave 1

#### **146114373 Pte Albert Richard Chantrell**

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion The Leicestershire Regiment. September 29<sup>th</sup> 1944

Buried at Leopoldsborg War Cemetery, Belgium. Plot 2, Row B, Grave 19

#### **Les Jordan**

Norfolk Regiment. October 15<sup>th</sup> 1944  
Husband of Aggie Siddons.

Buried at Overloon.

## WHAT HAPPENS IN THE RATBY SCOUT GROUPS?

BEAVERS enjoy games, work for badges, go on outings, which have included a trip to the Fire Station, a ghost walk plus daytime camps at Johns Lee Wood.

CUBS work hard on gaining badges, recently gaining 'Chef' and 'Communication' badges, which involved learning about codes and ciphers and mastering some sign language. Activities have included chess, draughts, and pond dipping, with weekend camps and challenges such as abseiling, climbing, archery and overground caving.

Badge work continues in the SCOUTS, as well as all the above mentioned activities. Camping and canoeing are popular, sailing used to be. Plus the Scouts who help to deliver 'Wot!' are rewarded with a trip, last year to the Snowdome.

All groups attend the Remembrance Parade in November and the St. George's Parade on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the City Centre.

I hope this will give you an insight into what we do at Scouts. Maybe there are youngsters out there who might like to come along and see if they would like to join us. Girls are welcome too.

I was Akela for some years and it's great to see those Cubs grown up into smart, polite young men.

Scouting is special. It teaches children to mix, do tasks, help others and once they're a Scout they're always a Scout.

As we say when we are signing off:-  
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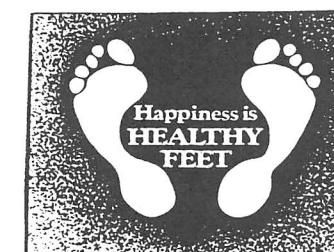
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## RATBY COMMUNITY ORCHARD

At our last meeting we noted with dismay that the local apple tree, Annie Elizabeth, had been badly vandalised. Strips of bark have been hacked off, making its survival unlikely. We are also disappointed that the contractors had sprayed weed killer around the trees, completely undesirable in an organic orchard.

Forthcoming plans include

- A member's trip to an Apple Day event at Sulgrave Manor on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Some members will join the Glow worms group to explore the many uses of apples.
- AGM on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.
- Annual Wassail on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Next year sees the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Orchard and we have begun to discuss plans for a celebration.

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## VILLAGE SOCIETY NOTES.

At our August meeting we were treated to a talk on "The Myths of Chemicals" by our Chairman, Jack Haywood. Jack's background as a research chemist in the plastics and paper industries was evident in the depth of his knowledge. He introduced the subject with a history of chemistry and famous chemists, making the point that chemists are not pharmacists and should not be asked for advice on treating colds etc.!

Noteworthy chemists included Paracelsus who, in the 16th century, was the cause of the confusion between chemists and pharmacists as he was proficient in both fields. There was also Dalton who worked with atoms and Crick and Watson who analysed DNA (which we all know stands for deoxyribonucleic acid, don't we?). Mendeleyev was responsible for the Table of Elements, each one given a number and a symbol, which gave rise to those horrendous formulae beloved of Chemistry teachers.

We were comforted to know that they had some use however, as they were explained in terms of weed killer, soap, salt and toothpaste. Even the chemistry involved in rubbing a nettle sting with a dock leaf became clear.

At the end of a most interesting and enlightening evening we were only glad that there wasn't a test on what we had learned!



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Cafe at the Anstey Gala 2007.**

Your local Twinning Association were at Anstey Gala this year and were again running our very successful French themed 'Allo 'Allo cafe.

We all dressed accordingly wearing striped tee shirts and berets. We arrived on site about 10.30a.m. At first busily erecting our four gazebos then setting up the interiors. Not such hot work this year but it kept dry which is the main requirement. From midday on we were very busy serving a variety of refreshments with all of the chairs being occupied for most of the time.

After a very busy day serving all those happy customers it was a relief when it was all packed away. In the evening we all went round to a member's house to celebrate another successful event with a Chinese takeaway.  
Robert Hill.

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