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# SCOUTS WOT!



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## **SCOUTING FOR ANSWERS! QUIZ NIGHT CHALLENGE**

There was a good turn out for the Quiz evening in aid of Scout funds. The event was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th March. Judy and Dennis Brookes organised and hosted the evening, and set us some challenging questions!

Teams puzzled over an intriguing set of wide ranging questions, including 'Guess the Celebrity', and Film picture challenges, which featured unusual shots of familiar figures.

The Music Quiz had something for all ages, with 'intros' from Elvis to Britney Spears, and great entertainment was provided by the sporting couples who bravely entered the 'Mr and Mrs' Contest. This was one with great style by Helen and Steve. who were members of the overall winning team.

A Ploughman's supper kept our brains going. Congratulations to Judy and Dennis for a great night out on our doorstep!



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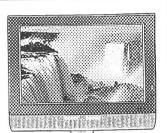
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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor.

I write about the Wot magazine in the hope that the 'Ratby Diary' will be restored, and that its disappearance from the last issue was only temporary. Like many others in the village, I find this page not only useful in knowing what's going on, but the length of the page shows that the village has a very active social calendar, which is a good indicator to our small businesses, and for their promotion in our magazine.

Thanks for listening,

Mick Morgan Address supplied.

We know people involved in village groups are all busy, but we'd like to see the diary back too! So what about it? At your next meeting why not identify that willing volunteer who'll send us your information? **Editor.** 

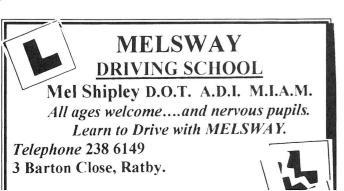
Dear Editor,

I, and a number of my Stamford Street Neighbours wish to nominate the former Johnson's Shop premises for Wot's 'Garden Most Full Of Rubbish Award' May Chuck and Mavis never see it.

R Simmonds. Address supplied.

A new Award? What should the prize be? Editor.





#### 'WOT' ABOUT OUR DIARY?

You may have noticed that our last edition did not contain the Village Diary for the year ahead. We decided to give it a rest after five years in its current format. This was due to the fact that it had become quite a task trying to obtain updated information from some sources on a regular basis.

Whilst it would have been good to have our first edition of 2005 containing known events for the year ahead, there seemed little point in publishing such and then struggle to maintain updated information as the year progressed.

However, if we get feedback that the diary is greatly missed and if we can be assured that all participating organisations would co-operate in maintaining the flow of information, we would look at resuming publication.



The diary helps to avoid a clash of dates. The recent Scout Quiz, for example, clashed with a Barn Dance. Special thanks are due to David Hulme for all his hard work in ringing round and producing the Diary for the last 5 years. **Editor.** 





#### **SCOUT NEWS**

Ten Scouts have just achieved the 'Do it Yourself Badge.' This involved learning and practising plumbing skills, soldering joints, wiring plugs, manual handling and learning about safety, poisonous substances etc.

The group are now working towards their Cyclists Badge, undertaking bicycle repairs, mending punctures, and are all set for the 25km Cycle ride. The group plan to cycle the Tissington Trail.

Take up the challenge Ratby youngsters! Enjoy the opportunity to learn some new skills, and enjoy a challenge!

Ratby Cubs meet in the Church Rooms from 6-7.30 on Monday evenings.

Scouts meet on Thursday nights from 7-8.30.



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#### Rathy Village Society

The New Year programme commenced with an illustrated talk by Mr Roy Thomas of Glenfield on a trip along the Nile by river boat, stopping off at many sites of historical interest. These included the well known Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza, in addition to others less famous, together with ancient temples uncovered from beneath the sands in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

We were given a wealth of information alongside a plethora of slides, showing through their fascinating wall paintings that the Egyptians were a very advanced civilisation all those thousand years ago.

The Annual General Meeting in February took its traditional course with reports on the past years activities and elections. The officers were all reelected unopposed: Mr Jack Haywood, Chairman, Mr Horace (Hoz) Gamble, Secretary (for a fifteenth term) and Mrs Betty Hulme, Treasurer. It was the turn of Mrs Joyce Haywood to stand down, and Mrs Alison Emmerson resigned after five years loyal service. Miss Carol Measures and Mrs Ruth Johnson, both of whom being co-opted last spring, stood, successfully for election, and Mr Cyril Hoyle was voted onto the committee

Membership totalled 52 in 2004. New recruits are always welcome. We do have a lot to offer both in our social programme, and in our input to life in the village.

A splendid buffet supper and convivial netter rounded off the evening.

# CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May

A house to house collection will take place during this week. We need collectors in the village so if you can help please contact 0116 2392357 for further information. Thank you

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#### **COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

At their last meeting the Ratby Community Orchard group looked ahead and planned some activities for the year.

Following the success of the last Wassail, it was decided to plan for another. As usual this will be held on the Saturday following Epiphany, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

Visits to October Apple Day activities around the country were discussed.

#### SUMMER WILDLIFE WATCH

This new event will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> August, at 7.30 pm. Come and join us down at the Orchard site for pond dipping, a wildlife safari hunting for wild flowers. Bring a torch, because we hope to see some bats after dusk. More news in the next issue of Wot.



#### **New Ratby Library**

Work has now started on building Ratby's brand new library. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete a questionnaire to let us know the sort of services you would like to have in your new library, and when in the week you would like us to open. The data from the questionnaires is now being analysed.

For the duration of the building work a mobile library is situated in the car park of Ratby Sports Club on Station Road. The opening times are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10.00am – 12.30pm, 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Books can still be borrowed as before.

Public PCs can be booked and used for free at all of Leicestershire County Council's libraries. Until Ratby's new library is complete in August/September this year, the nearest libraries with PCs are in Kirby Muxloe, Glenfield, Groby, Desford, Markfield and Newbold Verdon.

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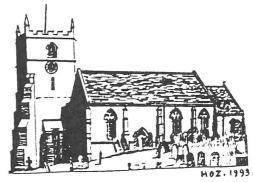




#### News from St Philip and St James

Here on the hill we've just celebrated Mothering Sunday, and what a super day it was. We spent time thinking about Mary, the mother of Jesus. Our bibles show us that she went through the same experiences that mothers do today. Tough times, but joy, at the birth of her baby; telling her boy off for wandering away from the family (but not being ready for the reply he gave her); advising others that he was to be trusted; finally, the hardest thing of all for a mother—seeing her child die. We had a lot to learn. We remembered all the ladies in church who are mothers, and those who 'mother' children in different ways by giving them flowers as a token of appreciation.

We look forward now to Easter at the end of this month when there will be something for everyone. On Good Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March starting at 9.45am, there will be activities for the children at church. In the evening at 7.30pm there is a service, mainly for the adults, with our friends at the Methodist Church. Then on Easter Day the whole family can join together in celebrating in church at 10am, with a 'Songs of Praise' at 6pm. You are invited to join with us at this special time.



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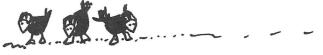
Ratby Co-operative Band have a busy season ahead. On Friday and Saturday nights, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April is the annual Musik Fest at Groby College, 7 pm start. In May the Senior Band is off to Blackpool for the weekend, and more locally, will be performing in Thornton Church at 7.30pm on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Youth Band is performing in Abbey Park from 3-4pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, and they join the other bands for a Summer Spectacular in Braunstone Civic Centre on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

You can catch the Senior Band again at Ratby Church Garden fete on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. A medieval theme should make for a special day!

The Youth Band are out again for Thornton Carnival on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The following weekend, July 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> The Senior Band are off to Kerkrade. They return to Hinckley for a concert in Hollycroft Park on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The grand finale for the summer season must be the President's Concert at Groby College on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August, when all bands will perform.



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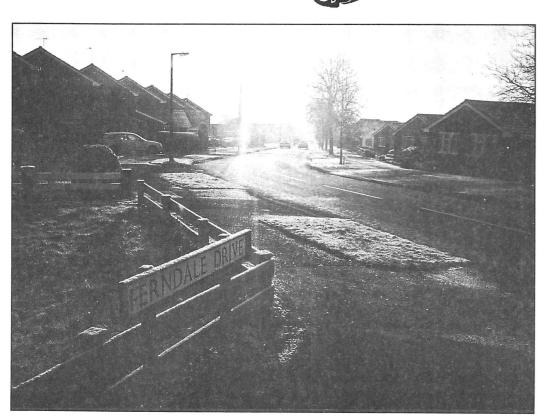
April Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 10.00am	Coffee Morning	Church Rooms
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> , 10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee Morning at Church Rooms 'Music for Everyone' Concert by Leicestershire Co-operative Male Voice Choir Tickets £5 from 239 3009 239 0010 or Alliance & Leicester	Parish Church
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> , 10.00am	Coffee Morning	Church Rooms
<b>May</b> Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> ,10.00am Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> ,10.00am	Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	Church Rooms Church Rooms
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Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> , 10.00am	Coffee Morning	Church Rooms
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> ,2.00pm	Mediaeval Garden Fete	Rectory garden
July		

Cream Teas with musical accompaniment

Open-air Songs of Praise

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 3.30pm

5.00pm



Looking down Ferndale Drive on a snowy February morning

#### 13, Station Road

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#### Ratby Parish Council

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#### rndale Community Park

he re-development started on 28 February with extensive will take a number of weeks to complete. Unfortunately Safety reasons the contractors have closed the park a number of weeks while the work is completed. The e for the inconvenience caused but we hope you will be lease contact the Parish office if you have any concerns. pment, a Teenzone Tower has been ordered and will be to fit in with the ground works. This exciting first phase om the Parish Council budget, Section 106 funds from rough Council and a Shire Environmental Improvement

#### Burroughs Wood

rust are undertaking a Forest of Flowers project in to improve the wildflower areas in various sites in the include names such as cowslip, selfheal and meadow The full details are held in the Parish office and can be ours Monday to Friday 9.00a.m to 12 noon.

#### Cycle Routes

osworth Borough Council have produced a Cycling howing the various cycling routes within the borough proposed routes to promote safer cycling. Again if you ne map please contact the Parish office.

#### Traffic Calming

till in progress around the village and all the comments iffic calming measures are being collated and will be bunty Council, Highways Dept. once all the works have

#### Website

ve our own website which can be accessed as follows: uncils.org. Click onto the Hinckley & Bosworth area of Ratby on the following map. The site is still under a look, we are in the process of acquiring a more user this space. Information about Ratby is also available on /WW.Ratby.Info.

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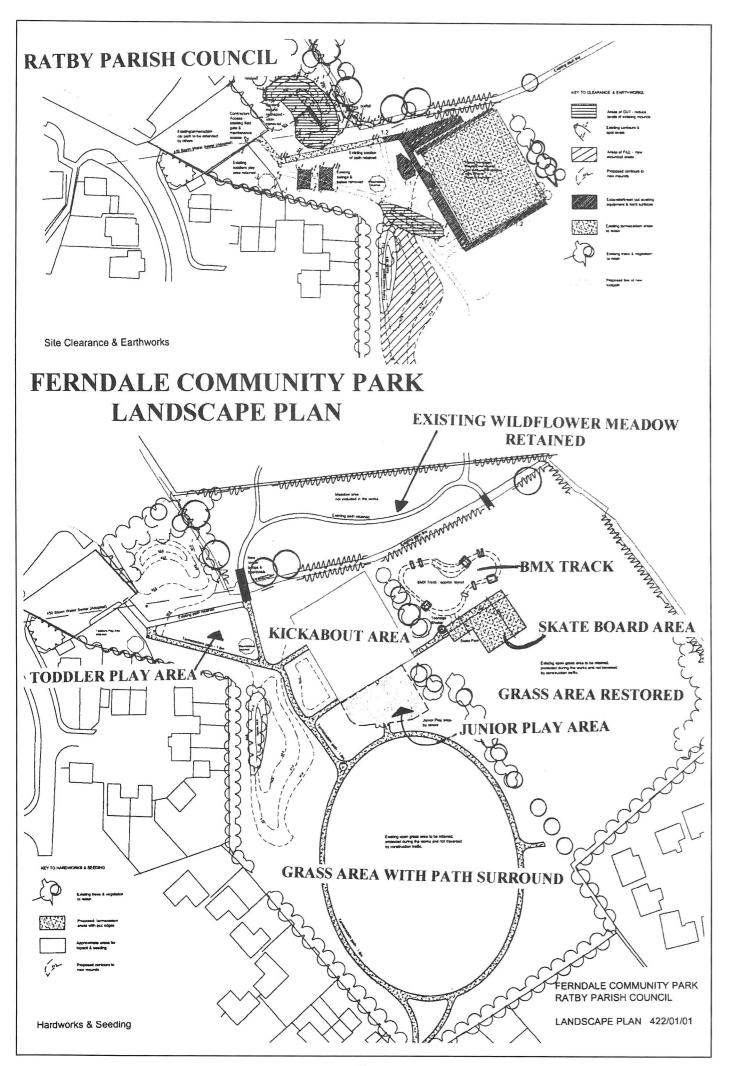
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#### Ferndale Park Development Group

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As mentioned in the last WOT, fund raising is now underway. A music quiz has been distributed around the village with a closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> April. If you haven't got a copy and would like one, please check out the web site for distribution points. Future fund raising events planned for the summer include a Balloon Race and a Treasure Hunt, watch this space!

For more up to date info and photos of the current developments please check out the web site on http://www.ratby.info/

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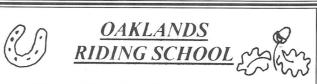
Our last meeting was held at the end of January. During the first part Derek Seaton gave a fascinating talk entitled 'A Tiger and a Fusilier' This was about the lives of two men who had been brought up in Countesthorpe Children's Home and were awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry in World War One.

David Ramsey followed on after the interval with an illustrated talk on Groby's Railway' An account of both talks is detailed in our February newsletter which can be obtained by phoning 2391468.

Our March meeting is scheduled for Friday March 25th. Gareth King will talk about 'The Medieval Manor.' Doug Harwood will follow on with 'The Toil and Trouble of a Ratby Schoolmaster.'

The Group's AGM will be held on Friday May20th at 7.30 pm. Michael Ball will talk about 'Marking the Centenaries-Ratby in the years 1605 and 1805.

**Ludlow Outing.** At the last count we had only 3 seats left on this coach trip on June 18th. Please phone 2391468 if you are interested.



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Bradgate Lions Club are also looking to recruit new members, so if you are interested in helping to raise funds to help International, National and local Charities and deserving causes, whilst enjoying an active social life with like-minded people we should be pleased to hear from you. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Kirby Muxloe Sports and Social Club, Ratby Lane, Kirby Muxloe.

If you would like any more information about the 'Lions' and their activities, or to discuss any assistance they can be to your group, please ring Roger on **01530 242912**, who will be pleased to help.

Lion Roger Gamble, (Chairman, Fund raising Committee)





# LEICESTERSHIRE WALKS GO WORLDWIDE!

Spring has finally arrived and the countryside is waking up from its hibernation, so it's time to shake off those winter blues, get out and make the most of the longer daylight hours.

The new Leicestershire County Council website has been developed to allow easier access to more recreational routes in the County.

Information on walking, cycling and horse riding in Leicestershire has been made more available than ever before.

From the comfort of your own home you can now download 35 Parish Walks leaflets and the Leicestershire section of the Midshires Way. The Parish Walks are a popular series for a short afternoon stroll or a daylong walk. The routes are all circular and range in distance from 1 - 9 miles.

Sue Eaton from Blaby, who has recently discovered the Parish Walks leaflets said "We are avid walkers and they are perfect for us. We will do them all in due course as we love to get out and about and sometimes do not know where to go. These guides give us ideas and inspiration".

Ernie White, the County Council's Cabinet Lead Member for Community Services, said: "Accessing the countryside is important to people and we are committed to improving the rights of way network which in Leicestershire extends to 3,000 kilometres. These leaflets provide an excellent introduction for people to take a healthy walk into their local countryside. I recommend them and hope they give people inspiration to get out and about."

The site: www.leies.gov.uk/paths, is being continually improved, with more detailed information becoming available which means that people can be spontaneous, go on-line, browse the different routes, print off, and go!

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footpaths@leies.gov.uk for more information.

#### **KNOCK OUT CANCER!**

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Filling

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#### Method

- 1. Grease 2 baking sheets
- 2. Heat oven to 220c/425 F/Gas 7
- 3. Rub flour, salt and margarine to fine breadcrumbs mixture
- 4. Add cheese, and milk, and mix to firm dough
- 5. Rollout to  $14 \times 9$  inches rectangle.
- Mix all filling ingredients in a bowl, and spread onto the dough to within ½ inch of the edge
- 7. Roll up from the long edge, and seal the edge
- 8. Cut into  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch slices and place on baking sheet, to cook approx 15 minutes until golden brown.
- 9. Cool on rack, and enjoy. Scrivener



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