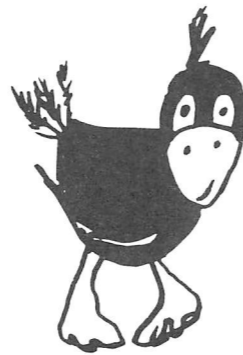




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About Ratby

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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE 1914-18 WAR

Ratby Local History Group is preparing a folder to commemorate those Ratby men and women who fought in the Great War. It will contain photographs and short biographical details about those who served. It is hoped that this can be kept on permanent view inside the Church.

Please can you help us by providing relevant photographs, memorabilia and notes from your own family collections. We shall copy and then return all items.

A selection from our collection of WW1 photographs is on view in the Church this autumn.

Contact Doug Harwood on (0116) 239 4168 if you can help.

MUSIC in the CHURCH

Local chamber choir, CANTAMICI, conducted by Phillip Gilbert, with Leicester Cathedral Organist Jonathan Gregory will present a programme of popular ballads, folk songs, sacred motets and organ pieces in aid of the Parish Church Building Fund.

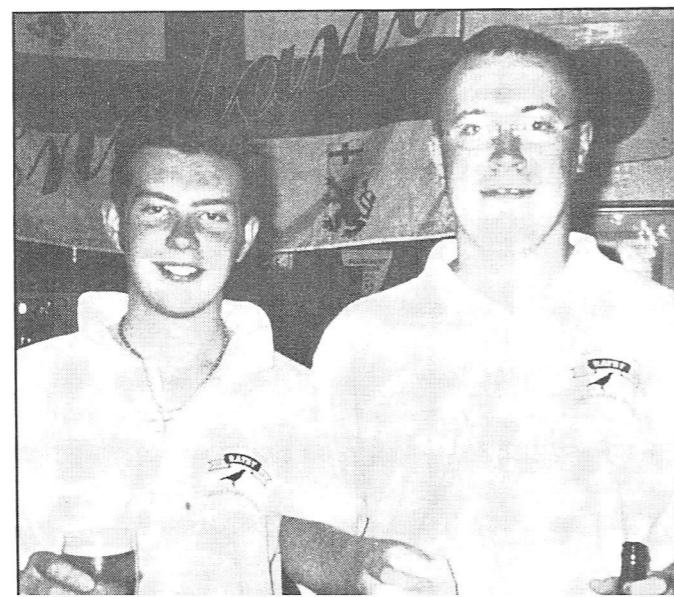
This will take place in St Philip and St James Church, Ratby, on **Saturday 22nd November** at 7.30.

RATBY LADS' WORLD TOUR

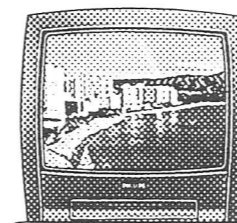
Two local lads are already off round the world. Steve Keogh 21 and David Bailey 23 left the village earlier in September to back pack the world, in six weeks. The pair have been planning and saving for the trip of a life time for well over a year. The Sports Club, Ratby's, have donated polo shirts with the tour dates on the back and have challenged the pair to have the shirts signed wherever they go. To this end they have already had a look alike Marilyn Monroe and a fireman from the ground zero site in New York sign the shirts.

The New Zealand arm of the tour, which is for two weeks over both islands, will include sky diving and whale watching. Australia includes a week sight seeing in Sydney and three days in the outback around Alice.

Steve and David at their Leaving Party in the Sports Club.



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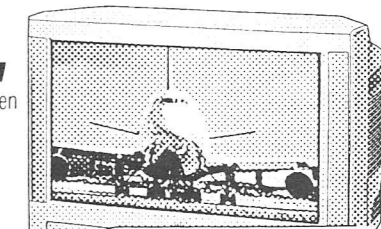
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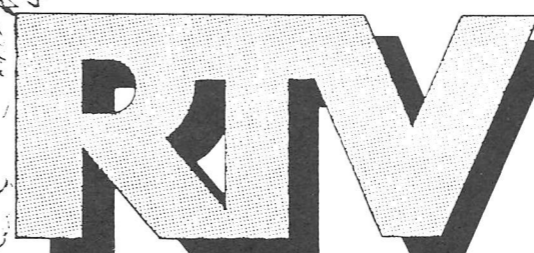


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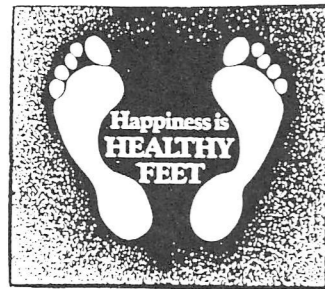


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RATBY CO-OPERATIVE BAND

The highlight of the summer was the Senior Band's European trip. After a Saturday afternoon concert in the Grande Palace in Luxembourg, the band travelled to Austria, where a further two concerts were given to packed houses.

We are now settling down to our autumn and winter programme, as well as saying 'au revoir' to young members who are leaving for further and higher education. We wish all of them success in the future.

Please note, The Band's Celebration Concert will now take place on **Saturday November 1st**. The venue is Bosworth College, and tickets may be reserved by phoning Mr Malcolm Pounder on 238 6749.



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RATBY VILLAGE SOCIETY

All at Sea



We were all at sea for the August meeting when Mr John Hayman gave a fascinating insight into how his model ships end up in bottles. Not only in bottles, but also in light bulbs and car headlamp bulbs!

Mr Hayman prepares his own scale drawings before making and painting a specific model ship, so that it perfectly portrays the original. To make a four-masted clipper with its many sails and rigging is a painstaking work of art, but to display it in a bottle seems nothing short of genius.

Malta and Gozo

'Still surrounded by Sea' was the subject of Hoz Gamble's talk in September, which featured these two small islands in the Mediterranean. 'You either love it or hate it' is often said of Malta, a rocky fortress island that has never completely recovered from intensive bombing in the Second World War. The island's history goes back 5000 years, it's history marked by ruined temples and over 300 beautiful churches left by the Knights of St John during their tenancy between 1530 and 1798.

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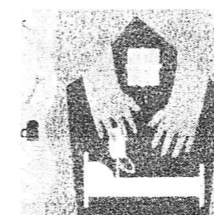


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NOVEMBER					
Sun 9 th	10.40am	Remembrance Day Service and Parade	Parish Church & British Legion	Parish Church and Village	2393009 2370570
Wed 12 th	7.45pm	Christmas Flower Decorations	Women's Institute	Village Hall	2387193
Sat 15 th	11.00am	Autumn Bazaar NB Changed Date!	Parish Church	Church Rooms	2393009
Tues 18 th	8.00pm	Social Evening	Village Society	Village Hall	2387240
Wed 19 th	7.30pm	Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Meeting	Neighbourhood Watch Group	Church Rooms	2394450
Tues 25 th	tba	Police Consultative Meeting	Police & N/Watch Group	Village Hall	2394450
Sat 22 nd	7.30pm	Cantamica Choir Concert	Parish Church	Parish Church	2393009
Fri 28 th	7.30pm	Leicester's New Walk	History Group	Village Hall	2394168

DECEMBER					
Sat 6 th	10.30am	Christmas Bazaar	Methodist Church	Chapel	2386276
Wed 10 th	7.45pm	Christmas Party	Women's Institute	Village Hall	2387193
Mon 15 th	all week	Festive Decorations Competition	Parish Council	Whole Village	2390167
Wed 17 th	7.30pm	Carols Around the Tree	Parish Council	School Gates	2390167
Sun 21 st	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Parish Church	Parish Church	2393009
Sat 20 th	10.00am	Christmas Coffee Morning	Methodist Church	Chapel	2386276
Wed 24 th	4.30pm	Family Carol Service	Parish Church	Parish Church	2393009

Ratby Parish Council

NEWSFLASH

The next meeting of the parish council will take place on *Tuesday 14th October* (rather than the first Tuesday in the month). We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

UPDATES AND SNIPPETS

POLICING THE VILLAGE



Following the departure of PC "Reg" Varney it has now been confirmed that our new police officer is *PC Matt Bishop*. *PC Mahal* has also been allocated to the village

and the intention is that Ratby has dedicated police cover at all times. Please note, there is virtually always an opportunity to ask questions of the police at council meetings.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Many people attended the public exhibition at the Methodist church. The display was then moved to the library, where it continued for several weeks in order to give everybody a chance to comment on the draft scheme for the village. The feedback includes both positive and

negative comments and it is clear that the final scheme will look very different to the original draft. It is expected that the *revised scheme* will be presented to the council at the November meeting.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Despite objections, planning permission has been granted by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council to build affordable housing in *Whittington Drive*.

The next step will be to try and ensure that local people who need affordable housing are given priority. The *Affordable Housing Survey* is now complete and just under a quarter of the forms

were returned, which is understood to be an average return rate. Of those who responded, over 68% voted in favour of a small development of affordable homes for local people and 65 responses indicated their need for affordable housing. The overall summary will be discussed at the October council meeting.

SCOOP THAT POOP!!

There is nothing worse than coming across dog poo that has been left behind by dog owners who cannot be bothered to clear up after their dog. Although this is breaking the law it is very hard to police. Shortage of dog-bins has been used as an excuse in the past, but that is now being rectified.

Four new dog bins have been purchased and will be situated at points in the village where we know there is a problem – at the top of Stamford



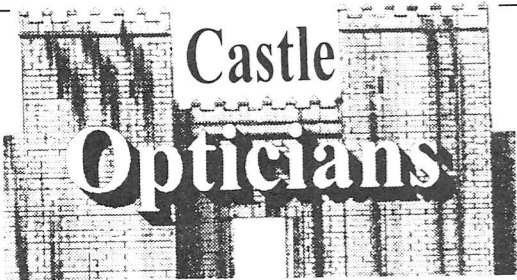
Street, behind the Orchard, near the new wood on Markfield Road and in the new open area on Taverner Drive (the "balance pond" field). This is only the start as the Leisure & Recreation team are reviewing the whole village with a view to supplying more waste and dog bins. The Eco-committee at the primary school has carried out its own survey as to where these should be placed but please let us have your views.

MORE TREES TO PHOTOGRAPH!



The millennium photographic project came to an end with the publication of the local history book "*Ratby – The First 2000 Years*". Also available were CD-ROMS that

group contacted the council to ask if they can use the money to plant trees in the Taverner Drive open area (the same side as the Orchard). The council are delighted to accept this offer and are looking forward to seeing the new planting in



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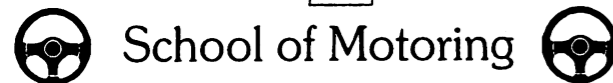
AUDIT SUCCESS

The council is delighted to announce that the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2003 have been signed-off with a clear statement from our external auditors Hacker Young. We would like to record our thanks to Samantha for her work in finalising the accounts so quickly.



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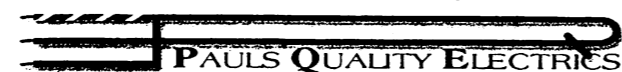
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If you have concerns about policing in Ratby
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7. Cover casserole with lid or foil
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