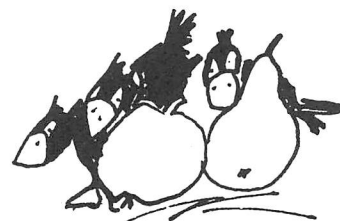




WOT!

About Ratby

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FROM CABBAGES TO CRAFTS

Ratby's Annual Show was held on Saturday August 10th at Ratby Sports Club. Once again it was a great community event, supported by folk of all ages. There were all the expected entries, from splendid garden produce, tempting cookery exhibits to home made wine. We particularly liked the children's miniature gardens. Rebekah Garratt won first prize for her garden, which was complete with pond and decking, and her brother George took second place with a 'children's garden' featuring a tyre swing and football net. There were some lovely floral displays, especially the exquisite fuchsia and some unusual handicrafts. The exhibits were displayed on the new tables, purchased by the Village Society with Lottery funding. These, together with new display boards can be borrowed by other village groups. Village Society Chairwoman, Faye Stephens said that participants had come from further afield this year, and she was pleased with the wider variety of entries, including a larger cookery section. The ladies on the tea stall reckoned they had been busier than ever. There was a cricket match between Ratby Town and Ibstock Town taking place too, so visitors to the show could sit in the sun and enjoy the match with a welcome drink.



The floral displays

Admiring the children's
miniature gardens and crafts



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RATBY'S ANNUAL SHOW TROPHY WINNERS 2013

Arthur Cawrey Memorial Shield

classes 1 -29 Best exhibit in vegetables
Phil Dews, for his cabbage.

Ratby Allotment Association Trophy

Classes 1 -29 Most exhibits in vegetables
Dave and Jenny Kerrod of Long Meadow Allotments.

Lloyd Sutton Memorial Cup

Best exhibit in fruit classes 30-35
Phil Dews

Whites Hair and Beauty Cup

Most exhibits in fruit classes 30-35
Roy Derbyshire

MEB Jordan Memorial Salver

Best exhibit in floral section 36-52
Iris Hannaford

Ratby Chemist Ltd. Award

Best exhibit in container plants 53-61
Rosemary Chapman

The Jack Haywood Cup

Best in flower arranging 62-65
Rosemary Chapman

Presented by Ratby Parish Council

Best in preserves classes 66-72
Sue Boud

Dalby Bathrooms Award

Best in wine classes 73-76
Iris Hannaford

Ratby Village Cup

Best in non alcoholic beverage 77
Justin Garratt

The Geary Family Cup

Best in bread classes 78 and 79
Chris Fitches

The Service Garage Cup

Best in cookery, classes 80-84
Mrs S Derbyshire

'Pab's Cup'

The most exhibits in cookery 80-84
Rebecca Banner

Cawrey Homes Cup

Best in handicrafts (cloth/yarn)
Mrs S Derbyshire

SB Building Supplies Cup

Best in handicrafts (wood/metal/ceramic)
Rebecca Banner

Ratby Village Society Cup

Best in Poetry (Adults)
Tony Mc Cafferty

Michael Porter Cup

Best in photography (adults)
Mary Hartfield

'The Local Yokel' Sunflower – Den Green

Lovingly Remembered

Best miniature garden (under 16)
Rebekah Garratt aged 11.

The Haywood Children's Trophy

Best in photography (under 16)
Rebekah Garratt aged 11.

Moore's of Ratby Trophy

Most items in a matchbox (under 16)
Laura James – aged 12

Mary Banton Memorial Cup

Handicrafts- your own choice.(under 16)
Laura James – aged 12

The Sarah Mirza Sunflower

Best overall exhibit (under 16)
Laura James – aged 12

The Harding Shield

Best exhibit in show 1 – 98
Rosemary Chapman for Hosta.

Ratby Sports Club Trophy

Most unusual exhibit in show.
Nigel Chapman (cuca melons)

'Wot! About Ratby' Shield

Best contribution to the 'community ethos' of the show for their involvement of whole family.

The Banner family.

GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE CAKE

(Cake made by Carol Hill)
Rita Percival won with her guess of 2lb 7oz.
The actual weight was 2lb 6.5 oz.

Ratby Village Society, in association with Ratby Sports Club thanks everyone who entered this year's show. It's really great to be a winner, but you don't have to be one to make the show a success. The wonderful exhibits on display make the event such a delight for visitors.

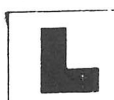
ANNUAL SHOW 2014 will be held on Saturday August 9th at Ratby Sports Club. SEE YOU THERE!

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A GRANDMA'S DREAM COME TRUE

Mrs Eileen Berry, of Groby Road, mother of Julie Smith who owns Oaklands Riding School had held one last dream. She wanted to see her granddaughter Emily compete at The Horse of The Year Show. Julie's Daughter Lottie had achieved this in 2009, aged 14, when she rode with the Atherstone Hunt Pony Club Team on her liver-chestnut 13.1 hands mare Karenzer. The mare had been bought for her by Eileen in 2008.

Lottie has now lent Karenzer to her cousin Emily, and the pair have made Eileen's dream come true. They will be competing at this year's Horse of the Year show from Wednesday 9th October to Sunday 13th October.

Sadly Eileen passed away in July after being diagnosed with cancer in May. But the family feel that she will be there with them as she always has been. Despite not liking horses Eileen had always supported her grandchildren every step of the way, going with them to watch every competition and event at the Pony Club. She would have been justifiably proud to know that Emily will follow in Lottie's and Karenzer's 'Hoofprints.'

Julie has worked with Emily at Oaklands Riding School to help her to prepare for competition. The Atherstone Hunt Pony Club has done well to consistently gain a place in the show. They have had to compete against 374 other clubs through a round of competitions and championships in their local area and nationally.

The Pony Club Mounted Games were devised to promote team competition, requiring courage, determination and all round ability, together with the careful systematic training of their ponies. The Games are devised to produce a spectacular competition with 'ordinary children on ordinary ponies' as Prince Philip originally envisaged.



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Lottie, on the left, with Karenzer and Emily.

But riding in competition is not just about winning. Julie says that it can develop confidence and self esteem, as well as teamwork in young people. Competing in the Show enabled Lottie to gain an A for PE at GCSE, and as well as working with her mother at the Riding School she is moving on into Eventing with her new pony Lucy. You can watch Emily at the Horse of The Year Show on Sky Sports 2, from 8pm starting October 9th.

And watch this space for more news of success from these two young women!

A special thank you from Julie to everyone who has supported them. Especially Carl and Moya at Oaks Farm in Markfield!

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RATBY ANNUAL SHOW

Winner of Adult Poetry Section.

Tony Mc Cafferty achieved first prize for the second year running with his poem Manna.'

Manna

With arms outstretched so all the world can see,
And sensitive to atmosphere, you find
That you are duty bound to ever be
A servant to the whole of human kind.
Then with committed work you give to all
The staff of life for which we have a need,
And with a movement of your arms let fall
The means by which a multitude might feed,
Sometimes, as thoughtful, curious people gaze
You rest awhile and cease your daily grind,
You do not count your time in years and days,
Nor do you ever own a troubled mind.
Your task, to change hard grist to what we need;
Pure manna made from harvest ripened seed.

2nd place Jean Vann
3rd place David Rowe

All poetry entries can be read in Ratby Library where they are currently displayed.

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES at RATBY CHURCH

Pip's Praise meets on the third Thursday morning of each month, at 9.15am in the church building. Pip's Praise is a simple informal service with Pip.

This short service is aimed at parents & carers with children aged 0-3 years old. Just turn up - and there's always time for coffee and chat afterwards whilst the children play.

Pip's Praise, Thursday
@ 9.15am in church

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| 17th | October |
| 21st | November |
| 19th | December |



Messy Mondays

Messy Mondays is an after school club aimed at school children up to Year 6 and which meets on alternate Mondays.

We meet straight after school in the church for lots of fun activities and mess! We have craft activities, lots of games, and of course, refreshments

It's also a chance for the grown ups to join in! We do ask that all children are accompanied by an adult.

Messy Mondays
@ 3.15 - 4.30pm in church
October 14th
November 4th, 18th
December 2nd, 16th

Young Families meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in Ratby Church from 9.15-10.45am.

The group is for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their adult carers.

Each session includes a craft activity, songs, play and time for a chat over a cuppa

Young Families, Tuesday
@ 9.15 - 10.45am in church
October 8th, 22nd
November 12th, 26th
December 10th

ART in RATBY

Ratby's Annual Art exhibition and Craft Fair will be held over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd of November, from 10 am to 3 pm each day. Once again the event will be held at Ratby Sports Club on Desford Lane.

A great chance to shop locally for all your Christmas gifts!

There will be drawings and paintings in a variety of media on display, with some for sale at realistic prices.

Crafts will include jewellery, exclusive designer scarves, hair accessories, hand made cards and pottery. There will be wooden items such as traditional toys, and wood turning items.

Textiles are represented by woolly things, felt hats, cross stitch, spinning and knitting. You'll be able to shop for soaps and bath bombs, and choose from a mouth watering selection of home made cakes, chutneys, jams and preserves.

And all this with delicious refreshments served by Ratby WI. **Not to be missed.**

TEA DANCES

Brush up your dancing shoes and get yourselves down to Ratby Sports Club for the first of the planned Tea Dances on Wednesday 23rd October from 2 until 4pm.

The dances will be held fortnightly at the Club, in association with Ratby Village Society. **Fab-u-lous Music** will be provided by **Eddie 'The Collector,'** DJ and Host.

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ANNUAL 90's COFFEE MORNING.

Eleven ladies and gentlemen from Ratby who have reached the age of 90 or over came together with old world dignity and grace for a coffee and chat in the Church Rooms on August 24th. Thank you so much for your company and conversation.

Thank you to members of Ratby Parish Church, and our volunteer drivers.

Smiles

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Opening Times/Session Fees

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After School: £3.00* 1st session School - 4.00pm

£6.00* 1st & 2nd session School - 5.00pm (Includes Afternoon Snack)

£7.50* Full session School - 5.30pm

*** 50p per hour sibling discount is also available**

Should you require any more information would like to place a booking, just drop into the club and speak to any of our lovely staff or alternatively drop us a line or give us a ring.

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HIS and HERS

A Thriving Local Salon

This hair salon on the corner of Station Road and Park Road seems to have always been there. And Tony, who made it a successful business for so many years was what could be described as 'a local treasure,' such was his deserved popularity. His sudden death was a great shock and upset to many, and it was sad to see the premises standing empty.

And then along came local hair stylist Marie Taylor. She had worked part time at 'Kreative Look' in the village, as well as making time to transform the hair of patients at Glenfield hospital. Seeing an opportunity in her home village she slipped a note through the door of 'His and Hers.' Tony's brother contacted her. Both he and Tony's partner were keen for the salon to be reopened. And so it was that she found herself embarking on her new business, joined by Julie, a former colleague.

Marie has created a thriving business, and the salon is always busy. The team are soon to be joined by Catharine who will take on new clients. Amy, who helped with shampooing and other tasks is now off to University.

Some changes had to be made. Men now have to make an appointment as the salon is so busy, and Insurance issues mean that clients can no longer be collected in a private vehicle. But this has not affected progress. It remains a friendly, reasonably priced salon. Many clients come as a result of recommendations.

And many of the original customers have come back after an initial reluctance due to the memories of Tony's time there.

Traditional styling and sets are still available, as well as all the modern styles, perms and colouring.

Marie started working as a Saturday girl at her local salon when she was just fourteen, and after leaving school she trained at Southfields College in Leicester. She says that she enjoyed the hospital work, as it was great to be able to help the patients to feel better, although it was tinged with sadness when people she had got to know well passed away.

'You can make a difference to people's lives,' she says.

Marie would love a larger salon, but for the moment she is happy to continue building the business.

She says she kept the salon name 'His and Hers' because 'It says what it is,' and because

continued with the advertisement in 'Wot about Ratby; 'Because it goes through every door in the village and brings in new customers.'

'His and Hers' is open on weekdays from 9 until 5, (closed Wednesday) and on Saturdays from 8 until 12 noon.

New clients welcomed!

Marie pictured in the salon.



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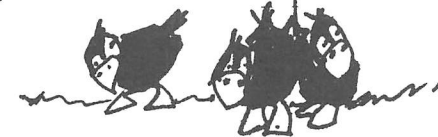
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As a result of the various events held on behalf of the Church's chosen charity for 2012/2013 we have been able to send a cheque to **Alzheimer's Research** for **£1,870.00** Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at some of our forthcoming events.



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Annual Membership Fee is £6.00 per person.

Meetings £1.50 for members, £2.50 visitors.

Free for those in full time education.

Programme for 2013-2014

27th September – Lyndon Cooper:

'Early Roman Leicester/Iron Age Transition.'

ff. by Ratby Short 'Bury Camp Ratby: Iron Age or Roman? An update of the evidence.'

29th November – Susan Tebby:

'Mills, Milling, Millers and their Wives in Leicestershire.'

ff. by Ratby Short: 'The History of Mills in Ratby.'

31st January 2014 – Shaun Livesey:

'Infectious Diseases: a potted History.'

ff. by Ratby Short: 'The history of infectious diseases in Ratby.'

28th March 2014 – Peter Griffin:

'The Army Volunteers in Leicestershire: Cromwell to Cameron.'

Ff by Ratby Short: Army volunteers in Ratby.'

9th May 2014 – AGM

ff by Michael Ball: 'What the papers said about Ratby in the 18/19th Century.'

Macmillan Coffee Morning At 'The Barn' Church Lane

Thank you to everyone who supported us on Wednesday September 25th.
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Eileen, Jan and Kate

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A GREAT FIND!!

Ratby Community Orchard Group held their annual Pond Dipping on August 7th with help from several enthusiastic families. A good range of creatures was discovered, and for the first time we found a great diving beetle. A large nymph, which we thought was a dragonfly larva, was later confirmed as a great diving beetle larva by Neill Talbot, Senior Conservation Officer with Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust who once again joined us at the event.

Dipping the nets to see what can be found.



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MOLLIPOPS

Here at 'Wot' headquarters we're always amazed at how much creativity and enterprise there is in Ratby. So when Jenny Clarke contacted us about an advertisement for 'Mollipops' we just had to go and investigate! Jenny and family moved into the village in 2005, but it was in June this year that Jenny came up with her good idea. She had bought some chocolate lollipop moulds to try out with her three year old son, and was hooked. Daughter Molly loved them, and the name was born!

Jenny created a Facebook page, and the orders came rolling in. The largest order to date was for 250 in one month. She has made chocolate apple Mollipops for a Snow White themed wedding, strawberry pink Peppa Pigs for a child's birthday, and there is someone off to Mexico for a wedding with 'moustache Mollipops.' Jenny can make Princess Crowns, Spidermen, Mollipops with an age theme, star shapes, and coming up are Hallowe'en Pumpkins. They make great place settings for parties and dinners, and can have special tags with names or appropriate words attached. Jenny says that she really enjoys making them, fitting it in around being a mother and her part time job.

'It's like a paid hobby,' she says.

Currently she is creating red, white and blue themed Mollipops for a Sea Cadets Trafalgar Day event.

Christmas is coming up, so why not order your snowmen or Santas now, before Jenny gets too busy?

Check out Jenny's advert in this issue, or take a look at all the designs on her Facebook page.



LETTER to the EDITOR



Dear Editor,

Cancelled Fun Run 21st September

What a pity the run had to be cancelled. I arrived to sign on at 10 o'clock for a 10.30 start only to discover the disappointing news. No-one I spoke to knew why. Hoping there might be others determined to run anyway, I waited at the start but no-one else turned up.

How demoralising for the organiser too. May he/she take comfort from the fact that I not only ran it, but in a field of one, I also came first!

Rieta Simmonds.

Address supplied.

Well done Rieta! We were hoping to report the event for Wot! Next year maybe? Editor.

WILL HELP! BARGAIN WILL WRITING

The 'phone lines at Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland have been buzzing over the last few weeks, with significant numbers of older people wanting to find out more about the Will Writing Promotion organised by the Charity.

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RATBY VILLAGE SOCIETY

The annual membership fee is £5 per person. Cost of attendance at meetings: £1.60 for members, £2.50 for guests, including refreshments. There are no meetings in July, August and December. You don't have to live in Ratby to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Meetings in Ratby Village Hall, Main Street 8 pm start.

October 15th; Jim Roberts talks about Leicester Children's Holiday Centre in Mablethorpe. Did you spend a holiday here as a child?

November 19th A talk on 'Life as a Criminal Lawyer.' Answering 'How on earth can you act for someone you know is guilty?'

January 21st 2014

A talk entitled 'Preserving your family's inheritance.'

February 18th; AGM and supper.

March 18th; A talk on Egyptology by Susan Tebb, with exhibits.

April 15th; 'Technology of the English Country House,' with Wendy Freer.

From Thursday 15th May 2014 meetings will be held at **RATBY SPORTS CLUB**, Desford Lane, at 7.30 pm.

Ratby, Leicestershire

Ratby born Lynne Cox has created a Facebook page about Ratby. She says she wanted to share historical information and photographs about the village which she believes are interesting.

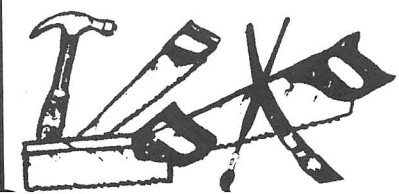
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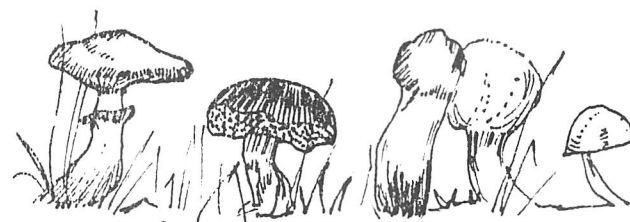
Skills were carried out in all aspects of camp craft, navigation and team work.



The activities were canoeing, mountain biking, rock climbing, followed by an expedition around Windermere culminating in the conquering of Scafell Pike, the highest mountain in England.

The experiences will benefit the Cadets when they embark on the expedition section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. 2070 Glenfield Squadron is one of the many ATC Units in Leicestershire, catering for young people from all backgrounds aged between 13 and 17. The Squadron meet at Glenfield Primary School. It is a military based organisation, supported by the RAF, but not a recruiting organisation. A large number of Cadets achieve BTEC qualifications in Aviation Studies.

Contact 2070 Squadron on 0116 2322490, or check out their website;
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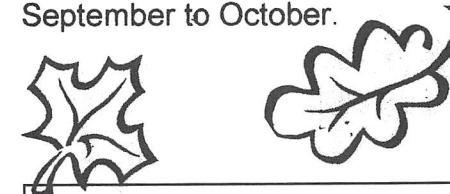


PITMASTON PINEAPPLE

A Ratby Community Orchard Apple.

This pineapple flavoured apple is another of the Orchard favourites. A russet variety, it was developed from Golden Pippin and introduced by Williams Nursery of Pitmaston, Worcester in the 19th Century.

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RATBY ORCHARD APPLE CAKE

A perfect Autumn cake. Works well with cooking apples such as Keswick Codlin or Lord Derby from the Community Orchard. Try eating it for pudding with clotted cream!

Ingredients

- 225g butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
- 450g cooking apples
- Finely grated zest and juice 1 lemon
- 225g caster sugar, plus extra for dredging
- 3 large eggs
- 225g self-raising flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 25g ground almonds
- 1 tbsp demerara sugar

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/fan160°C/gas 4. Grease a deep 23-24cm spring-form cake tin and line with baking paper. Peel, core and cut the apples into 1cm pieces, and toss with the lemon juice.

2. Using an electric hand whisk, cream together the butter, caster sugar and lemon zest in a bowl until pale and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, adding a little flour with each addition to keep the mixture smooth.

3. Sift the remaining flour and the baking powder into the bowl and fold in with the ground almonds. Drain the apple pieces well, and stir into the mixture.

4. Spoon into the prepared cake tin, lightly level the top and sprinkle with the demerara sugar. Bake in the oven for 1 hour or until well-risen, brown and a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. If the cake starts to look a little too brown, cover with a sheet of baking paper after about 45 minutes.

5. Leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes.



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