

WOT!

About Ratby

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POND DIPPING FAMILY FUN!



Children pictured left to right; Oscar Hurst, Lois Jarvis, Lottie Hurst and Henry Jarvis.

This year's pond dipping event on August 5th at Ratby Community Orchard was the busiest ever. It was great to see the familiar faces of several local families joining us once again. Oscar, pictured above on the left was so enthusiastic that he persuaded his parents to keep on visiting the pond after last year's event. Could he be the next Chris Packham? This is what it's all about: inspiring the next generation to care about the environment.

There were visitors from further afield too. Ratby born Andy Saunt brought his New Zealand family down to explore the pond.

There was plenty of water, and a good range of species were found. We were greeted on arrival by a fly past from a spectacular Emperor Dragonfly.

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POND DIPPING

Our finds were recorded by Donna Oxbrough who is currently working as a trainee with The Conservation Volunteers, and has Community Orchards as her special project.

Tim Adkins joined us once again to help us to identify the species we discovered.

Special thanks to Andy Barnett for coming along to offer First Aid for the event.

The rain held off right up until the end, when we all departed and left the pond and its wildlife to settle back into tranquillity.



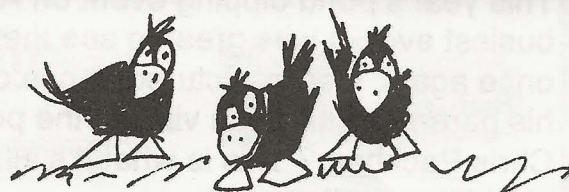
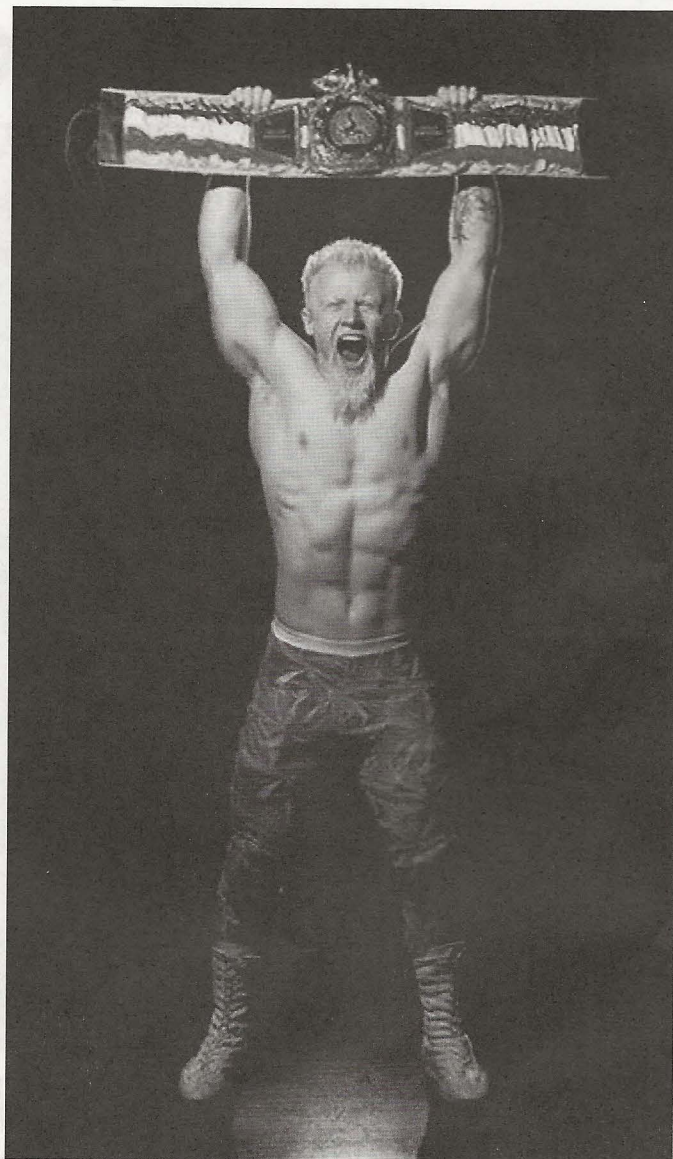
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WELL DONE JACK.

Fans have only just recovered from an incredible show when local lad Jack Sellars (wrestling under the name 'JACK STARZ') of Church Lane won the Gold and Glory tournament to become the very first Legacy Wrestling British Champion in front of an absolutely rabid crowd.

He won it over 3 bouts in the competition held in Leamington Spa.



Jack has been wrestling for a number of years and has his own business as a fitness instructor.

Check him out on the Internet.

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

The lunch club is held in Ratby Church Rooms from 12.30 pm. It's a lovely opportunity for people who might be lonely, disabled or elderly to join together for a 'family' three course meal.

There is space for those new to the lunches, so please contact Joan Hawkins, Pastoral Assistant at Ratby Church if you or someone you know might wish to come along. Transport can be provided by volunteer drivers.

Telephone 0116 367 0653

Dates for Autumn/Winter

Sunday October 25th

Sunday November 29th (Christmas lunch)

Sunday 31st January

Sunday 28th February

Sunday 27th March

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BAKE IT! SUCCESS

A huge thank you to all that came along to support our Bake It coffee and cake morning on 5th September in memory of Mick Porter.

The two hour event raised a staggering £940, and along with other donations received our grand total is over £1000. Amazing!

We can't thank you all enough for coming along and helping to raise funds to fight this cruel Motor Neurone Disease.

Melissa Hayes

Well done all, Editor.

The MND Association exists to support sufferers and their families, and help to raise funds for research into the causes and treatments for the disease. MND affects just 2 in 100,000 people. It is a progressive disease which attacks the motor neurones, or nerves in the brain or spinal chord. This means that messages stop reaching muscles, which leads to weakness and wasting.



WASSAIL!

Ratby Community Orchard Wassail will be held on January 9th 2016! Look out for more details in the next issue of Wot about Ratby.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT RATBY SHOW

The Stalwart Team of Show volunteers once again put on a brilliant village event, with support from Ratby Sport's Club. A huge amount of preparation goes into this popular show. There are the schedules to prepare earlier in the year, the trophies to be collected in, the judging to be arranged and publicity to be sorted.

Work continues on the Friday evening before the event, with all the tables to be set up, and some of the competitors welcomed to display their produce or creations. On the day itself they are there bright and early, ready to greet more competitors and welcome the judges.

Here they are pictured at the registration table greeting visitors to the show.



The Show organisers would like to thank Steve James and the Sports Club team who did everything possible to ensure the smooth running of the show.

The judges are all members of Leicester and Leicestershire Horticultural Guild, and have studied for three years before taking an exam to become Show Judges. Graham Jackson and Stan Reed are from Groby Gardening Society, and Jim Drake from Leicester.



Graham Jackson, Jim Drake and Stan Reed.

Once the produce is all displayed the judging begins, and it's a big task. Every exhibit has to be examined and prize cards completed. The baking, preserves and wines all have to be tasted! The photographs viewed. And all before the public are allowed back in to view at 2pm.

As usual a good crowd of visitors turned up to enjoy the show and watch the prize giving at the end of the afternoon. There were refreshments, and a chance to watch cricket outside in the sun. This year Ratby Town were playing Cropston.

If you have never been you really must come and see this truly village occasion!

The judging of the Poetry Section is always completed before the event. The judges being Hoz Gamble and Robert Hollyman.

This year's winner was Tony McAfferty for his sonnet in the 'Seasons' category:

Sally-Ann Walters won the second prize and Jean Vann third.

Congratulations to all.

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Sonnet of Early Summer

She sheds her drab and dreary winter coat
 And robes herself in purest blossom hue,
 Then with the cheerless winter days remote,
 She sings and dances under skies of blue.
 With spreading arms she casts the morning dew
 As diamond sparkle spread within man's sight.
 On grass it lies and on fine cobwebs too,
 Her gift to us, as darkness turns to light.
 She sings a song as gentle as a sigh,
 Of birds, in chorus reaching for the sky;
 And in the hymns of love from those earth bound
 But yet she knows where winter's coat still lies
 Within her reach for days of snow held skies.

GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT

The Kaine Gospel Choir will be performing at the Parish Church on Saturday 21st November at 7.30 pm, with a complementary glass of wine being served at the interval.

The choir is based at Curve Theatre in Leicester, and have other choirs around the county who will be coming together for this performance.

Proceeds from the evening will be shared between the work of the choir in Leicester supporting socially excluded and disadvantaged individuals, and the work of the Parish Church. Tickets are £8 each, children under 12 free.

Ring 0116 239 4606 or 0116 239 0010 for information and tickets.

Ratby Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS ESSENTIALS

There will be a festive event at the Methodist Chapel on **Saturday 10th October 2015**, from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

Everyone welcome. Come on in and choose from a lovely selection of Cards, Gifts and Tags all at great prices.

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Ratby's Annual Show Trophy Winners 2015

Best exhibit in vegetables ...	John Southwick
Most exhibits in vegetables ...	Roy Derbyshire
Best exhibit in fruit ...	Stephen James
Most exhibits in fruit ...	Roy Derbyshire
Best exhibit in floral section	Anne Freeman
Best exhibit in container plants ...	Martin Webster
Best in flower arranging ...	Jean Vann
Best in preserves ...	Ian Freeman
Best in wine ...	Iris Hannaford
Best in non-alcoholic beverage ...	Serena Garratt
Best in bread ...	Roger Lomas
Best in cookery ...	Serena Garratt
Most exhibits in cookery ...	Serena Garratt
Best in Handicrafts, wool adults	Sharon Richardson
Best in Handicrafts, wood- adults ...	Colin Hearne
Best in poetry - adults ...	Tony McCafferty
Best in photography - adults ...	Justin Garratt

Young people (under 16)

Best miniature garden ...	Bronte Robinson
Best in photography ...	Alex Leonatiades
Best cupcakes for taste decoration	George Garratt
Best vegetable/fruit monster ...	George Garratt
A Sea Scene ...	Rebecca Garratt
Any other craft not specified ...	Lewis Rae
Best overall exhibit ...	Bronte Robinson for her miniature garden.

Best and Most exhibits in show

Best exhibit	Sharon Richardson
Most exhibits ...	Sally-Ann Walters - 18 entries
Most unusual exhibit	Iris Hannaford
Best overall contributor ...	The Garratt Family



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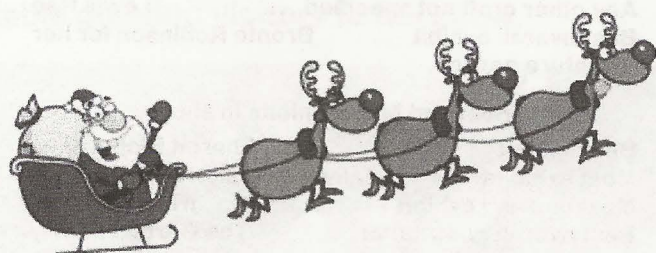
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Christmas Bazaar at St Philip and St James, Ratby

On Saturday 28th November St Philip and St James Church will be holding its annual Christmas Bazaar. In addition to traditional Christmas stalls and attractions why not come along and see the Winter Wonderland model village? Father Christmas will of course be making time in his busy schedule to be with us! The event will be held in the Church and Church Rooms, Ratby. 12 noon until 3.30pm. Refreshments are available throughout including hot lunches, drinks and homemade cakes.

Entry adults 50p, children free. Proceeds to Church funds.

Details 0116 239 4606



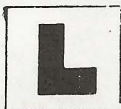
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RATBY BAND

Ratby Co-operative Band has a busy schedule over the next few months. You can see their full events programme on the website;

<https://ratbyband.wordpress.com/>

Highlights include;

OKTOBERFEST on Saturday 17th October, from 8 until 11pm. The senior band will be playing at an 'OOMPAH' NIGHT in Ratby Sports Club.

On Saturday October 24th the Senior Band are performing once again at their evening of **Big Band** and light entertainment at Braunstone Civic Centre. 7.30 -9.30.

Looking further ahead, a date for your diary; The Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday December 6th.



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RATBY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The "Ratby Local History Group" is pleased to announce its programme for 2015-16. All those interested in finding out more about Ratby's past will be very welcome. Meetings will take place on Friday evenings in the Village Hall, beginning at 7.30 pm. The charge per meeting is £1.50p for members and £2.50p for non-members. Meetings will be free for those in full-time education.

The Programme for 2015-16

27 November 2015

Simon Peaple: 'The Hohenzollern Redoubt and the Battle of Loos, 1915'.

26 February 2016

Michael Ball: 'The Hastings, Greys and Woodvilles: Conflict and Power in the Wars of the Roses and their roles in the fall of Richard III and the aftermath'..

ff. by Doug Harwood, 'The Role of the Grey Family in Ratby's History'.

25 March 2016

David Ramsey: 'Groby Old Hall'

20 May 2016

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ff. by Michael Ball: 'What the papers said about Ratby in the 19/20th century: Part 3'.

Membership: The annual membership fee is £6 per person. The fee helps us to pay for the hire of the village hall; speaker's fees; costs of building an archive of Ratby's people and places. All members will receive a newsletter every two months.

At the meeting on 18th September Alison Coates, in the character of 'Jenny Grooby,' gentlewoman entertained us with stories of life in Tudor times and her work at the recreation of this life at Kentwell Manor. Michael Ball enlightened us with information about life in Ratby of the period, with reference to agriculture.



LAST FEW PLOTS REMAINING

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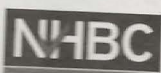
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