

RATLEY AND UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ratley and Upton Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th May 2012 in Ratley Village Hall at 7.00 pm	
No	Agenda Item
1.	<p>Apologies Apologies for lateness were received from County Cllr. Chris Williams and District Cllr. Jackson.</p>
2.	<p>Present Cllrs. A Berry (Chair), D Lamb, K Slocombe, A Jones, M Grinnell-Moore, S Jackson and J Obbard, Clerk. 13 members of the public were present</p>
3	<p>District Councillors Report Cllr. Jackson's annual report which is shown in full in Appendix 1. A member of the public raised a question regarding the position with the Old Quarry site at Edgehill as this was now seeing a lot of activity. Cllr. Jackson explained that the site was under investigation regarding possible contravention of a previous planning decision.</p> <p>County Councillors Report County Councillor Williams précised his annual report. This is shown in full in Appendix 2</p>
4.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2011 These were proposed by Cllr. Lamb and seconded by Cllr. Grinnell-Moore as being a true and accurate record of the proceedings. This was agreed by all.</p> <p>The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.</p>
5.	<p>Matters Arising from previous meeting</p> <p>The Chairman summarised the minutes from the last meeting. There were no matters arising as all actions from that meeting had been transferred to the minutes of the Parish Council meeting for more rapid resolution</p>
6.	<p>Annual Financial Statement. The Clerk presented the annual accounts for April 2011 to March 2012 and pointed out that these were provisional as they had not yet been fully audited. For the sixth Year the Precept had been kept at the same level of £10,000.</p> <p>The largest expenditure was, again, grass cutting of playing fields, verges etc., followed by Clerks Salary, donations to Village Hall and Ratley PCC.</p> <p>The closing total balance was £10,620 which was an increase of £90 from the previous year.</p>
7.	<p>Local Community Reports 7.1 Ratley Village Hall. This was prepared by Robin Flintoff, Chair of the Village hall Committee, and read out by the Clerk. The full report is attached in Appendix 3.</p>

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7.2 - Ratley Parochial Church Council

This report was prepared by Mark Orr and read by the Chairman. Report is shown in Appendix 4.

7.3 - Ratley Youth club.

This report was prepared and presented by Shona Walton. This is shown in Appendix 5

7.4 - Welfare Trust.

Cllr. Lamb gave a brief overview of the activities of the Welfare Trust and presented the accounts. These are shown in Appendix 6

7.5 - Ratley WI

This report was prepared by Monica Davies and read by the Clerk. Report is shown in Appendix 7.

7.6 – Ratley Table Tennis Club.

Cllr. Lamb reported that practice night changed to Thursday. The Tysoe arm, 'Ratley 3' have unfortunately dropped out which leaves 2 teams – 'A' in 3rd division and 'B' who finished in second place in the 4th division.

Congratulations to Alison Riley who won the Ladies Doubles, runner up in mixed doubles and runner up in the singles in the annual tournament.

Cllr. Lamb extended a welcome to all – please come along to the Village Hall on a Thursday evening if you are interested in playing.

8. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman opened his report by thanking members of the public for their help with various activities in the villages over the past year, such as sweeping, hedge cutting, organising events etc. Community groups continue to play a key part in community activities.

The Parish Council are sorry to see the departure of Councillors Andrea Graham and Ken Marples who's knowledge of countryside matters and contacts in the wider community have been invaluable to the Parish Council.

The Chairman offered a warm welcome to new Councillors Alan Jones and Kieron Slocombe who, along with Councillors Lamb, Grinnell-Moore and Berry, were successful in the recent elections.

All Councillors are now residents of Ratley and there is, unfortunately, no longer any direct representation from Edgehill.

Statistics from last year:-

8 PC meetings

18 planning applications

1333 emails

16 paper mail

Thanks to Clerk for sorting, filtering and forwarding correspondence to the Councillors.

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Notable issues from the past year:

Housing: - Housing Needs survey was run once again (previous one 5 years ago) – there was a 36% response which is considered good. Most respondents were in favour of some low level residential development. Outcome was a requirement for three 2 / 3 bedroom rental houses (it is noteworthy that the survey did not include any past residents of the villages who wanted to come back)

Hornton Masonry – Mirwell Homes have presented some proposals for combined commercial / affordable homes. This is an ongoing project still in its early stages. Ratley and Upton is not a designated development area and planning permission may prove difficult to obtain).

Speed limits in Edgehill / Ratley – after being discussed, planned and consulted on for more than three years, thanks to Cllr. Williams, the speed limit signs have now been erected, although, as was pointed out, the full installation has yet to be completed.

Grass cutting – for the last three years we have been using John Ward Landscaping who was the most competitive following a tendering exercise using an invitation to tender document kindly put together by John Wrench.

We have now retendered with a revised ITT. This has been sent out to 8 contractors, As a result Thomas Fox has been selected for a period of one year, extendable for a further two years.

Both tendering events have driven good value for the Parish with prices now less than four years ago under the previous contract.

Frenches Lane, Ratley – this has been overgrown for some time – thanks to local residents who, from time to time, undertake some clearance work. We are hoping to engage a Community Payback team through Warwickshire County Council to undertake some more radical clearance.

Drainage works – the ‘stream’ in Chapel Lane was eventually stemmed after many months of water and ice sheets.

Trees opposite bus shelter in Ratley have been trimmed.

9. Any Other Business

Gwen Thornton asked whether it would be possible for the grass cutting on the Green to be carried out the week before the Summer Fete? – It was pointed out that rearranging the timing of cuts tend to be difficult but we will ask the Contractors.

John Wrench spoke about his concern regarding the footpath at the back of Chapel House. [This issue has been moved to the minutes of the May 2012 Parish Council meeting to ensure effective monitoring].

Danny Batchelor commented on the state of the playing fields lane in Ratley and asked whether the farmer was aware that he only had a right of way of 12’ – recently the sides of the bank have been eroded by more than this. Deeds say to allow the passage of horse drawn wagon – Clerk to check. [This issue has been moved to the minutes of the May 2012 Parish Council meeting to ensure effective monitoring].

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Stuart Brown questioned whether Edgehill Park was within in our Parish and whether the landowner had permission to erect a caravan. The chairman reported that the land in question was partly in the Parish of Ratley and Upton and partly in Warmington. The piece of land on which the caravan is erected is within Ratley & Upton and permission for siting a caravan was obtained many years ago.
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The meeting closed at 20:45

Signed (Chairman) _____

Date _____

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Appendix 1 – District Councillors Report.

Ratley & Upton Parish Council – Annual General Meeting – 30th May 2012

District Councillor's Report.

I open my annual report by firstly thanking you, the Parish Council, for continuing to invite me, as the District Councillor, to attend your meetings which help me keep in touch with what's happening in the Parish. I will always endeavour to reciprocate by keeping you informed on District Council and other local matters of interest and relevance.

Following the recent District Council elections, I also wish to thank the residents of the Parish for their confidence in voting me back in as their District Councillor for the next 4 years.

The magnificent turnout of over 57% for this Parish was the highest by some margin in my Ward and did much to boost the overall figure of 39% for it which was one of the highest in the District and exceeded the national average as well. So thank you Residents, and congratulations for turning out on what was a pretty grizzly day weatherwise

The overall result of those elections held on 3rd May is one of No Change with the Conservative Group remaining in overall control of the District Council – with 33 seats compared to 16 for the Lib Dems and 4 for the Independents – therefore with a majority of 13.

For the District Council, this last year has been attritional, with the focus being very much on maintaining front line services against continuing budgetary constraints and reductions in many areas of its operations.

All things considered, I think it is testament to the District Council that even despite these times of financial stringency and austerity, it has come forward with a reduction in Council Tax for 2012/13 – one of only 4 Local Authorities nationally I believe, to have achieved this.

This maintains the District Council's position of being the lowest charging Council Tax authority in Warwickshire for a Band D property and amongst the lowest nationally.

I hope and think I am correct when I say there has been little noticeable diminution affecting this Parish in the services provided by the District Council – such as the refuse & recycling service and the street cleaning & litter picking operations.

This said, I do get the occasional, and understandable, complaints about difficulties in getting through to Council officers on the telephone. I sympathise with this but then I have to remind complainants that the number of staff at Elizabeth House has been cut to save costs, and to compensate, there is a greater reliance nowadays on contact being made on-line, via the Council's website. I acknowledge of course that this doesn't suit and "enable" everybody.

A major task for the District Council during the last year, and continuing, is the drawing up of the Core Strategy, or Local Plan, up to 2026. This is being made more difficult at a time when changes in planning policies from central government through the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) are being announced, requiring compatibility of approach. As a consequence,

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I do anticipate a period of un-evenness in the planning process over the next 12 months or so whilst these changes stabilise and bed-in.

Mentioning planning, my records show that the Parish Council has been consulted on 15 separate planning applications during the course of the year. Most have been a variety of small-scale domestic extensions, trees and so forth. I should mention here in passing that I have been appointed Chairman of the East Planning Committee for the forthcoming year.

So what of happenings and events in Ratley, Upton and Edsgehill over the last 12 months? My impression is that it has been a relatively quiet and peaceful one – devoid of any major incidents. May this continue during this year.

There are though two “live” issues in the Parish which I particularly intend to watch-over; firstly, the regularisation of the use and activities associated with the Old Quarry bed, and secondly, any development proposals connected with the former Hornton Stone workshops site.

Outside of the Parish, the development issues most likely to attract a lot of local interest is the application for a wind farm between Knightcote and Bishops Itchington, and the possibility of another in the Shotteswell/Hanwell Valley.

Looking ahead generally, there is a lot in the pipeline arising from the new Localism Act that will need addressing. I don't and can't pretend to know all the answers yet but will endeavour to guide the Parish Council as best I can. I will be looking to the District Council to provide a lead and advice during this period of change: my instincts are to approach this in “bite size chunks”. Even so, I anticipate that busy and challenging times lie ahead for us all.

So, to finish, I look forward to continuing to work with you, and in the meantime, thank you Members of the Parish Council, and your Clerk, on behalf of the District Council and the residents of this Parish, for all the work, time and effort you give to making this such a pleasant place and environment to live in. Your delivery of a very professional, polished and informative website for the Parish is just one example of the excellent work you do for the community. Thank you!!

I look forward to joining you on 4th June for the Jubilee celebrations and the Street Party.

Shj – 28/05/12

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Appendix 2 – County Councillor’s Report

30th May 2012
County Councillor’s Report

- 1. It has been an interesting and eventful year on the County Council. The County Councils latest strapline is “Going for growth”. We believe that notwithstanding the Budgetary restraints and the overall national policy, Warwickshire County Council should endeavour to contribute to the recovery by encouraging employment and businesses especially amongst the under 25’s, reducing NEETS and improving education standards as far as the governments academy programme involves us and make Warwickshire a safe and healthy place to live.**
- 2. This will be achieved by moving resources to areas that will encourage these aims and work in Partnership with both our neighbours and Districts and Boroughs. We will engage the Residents through meaningful, Community Forums and Parish Councils. We are fully engaged with the LEP with Coventry and Solihull where presently £8.5 million are available to small enterprises and have signed a memorandum of understanding encouraging cooperation and combined working between the three authorities.**
- 3. We have recently heard that by working in partnership with the District Council we have been successful in getting a government grant of £4million to improve the Broadband in rural areas. The Fire Service has formed a strategic alliance with Northamptonshire thus making more resources available and saving on back office costs. The Police Force too is proposing to work more closely with West Mercia Police. This is being influenced by the impending election for a Police Commissioner in November and the programme to replace the Police Committee with Police Panels.**
- 4. Adult Services are now becoming more of a commissioning agency paying the private sector rather than WCC to run Care Homes and Carer Services. Personal Payment Plans are being introduced for all residents who want them. This will show a saving of over £2million a year. As part of the new Health Legislation Public Health will be transferring from the NHS to the Local Authority and they have already moved to Barrack Street above the old library. Together with the other major reorganisations to the Health Service whereby GPs become Fund Holders and PCTs and SHAs are abolished and a new “Health and Wellbeing Board” is being established to oversee all Health matters in Warwickshire. Added to this there will be a new body called Health Watch which will work in conjunction with Scrutiny to challenge health administration and individual complaints.**
- 5. Schools, too, are going through a major transformation. The introduction of Academies is proving more popular than envisaged and over 60% of Warwickshire Secondary Schools have opted for Academy status. The rest are expected to follow. Primary Schools are also being encouraged to form federations or clusters with a view to achieving Academy status in due course. All this leads to the downsizing of the Local Authority’s role in education and hence staff.**
- 6. Warwickshire, being placed as it is in the centre of England, is vital for the long term transport strategy of any government. The main motorway and A road links are the responsibility of the Highway Agency but the remainder of the roads are the responsibility of the County Council. WCC grit over 45% of the A & B roads (higher than any other shire County) and have recently entered a maintenance contract with Balfour Beatty. The present budgetary restraints have led to a reduction in money available for road maintenance although our commitment to an extra £2million a year from reserves for additional road improvements has helped to alleviate this.**

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7. The latest infrastructure proposals are for a High Speed Railway through the county which will desecrate homes, farms, factories and the countryside but not stop anywhere in Warwickshire. Despite minor changes to the route it is generally thought that this is not good for Warwickshire. At a cost of £32Billion this line does not represent value for money and the business case, even over 60 years, is flawed. Why upgrading of existing lines have not been considered is hard to understand. Warwickshire has joined Buckinghamshire in a group of councils called '51m' and are committed to opposing these proposals. Three of our Districts are also in this group although all have voted to oppose the scheme. A Judicial Challenge of the decision has been submitted and indications are that this challenge will not initially cost us anymore. The adverse effect on the infrastructure is also being costed and assessed but until detailed plans for the route and construction programme have been decided there is little point in challenging these. All costs associated with the project will be charged to HS2. The County Council are meeting with HS2 to discuss further consultation over mitigation prior to the hybrid bill being introduced. Both an Environmental Impact Assessment and a proven business case are also awaited.
8. Finally, this year's budget. The County's element of your Council Tax (about 80% of the total) was not increased this year. We have accepted the government's offer of a grant which is equivalent to 2.5% rise. 1% is equivalent to £2million. This may affect next year's budget as this is not a year on year grant. Existing programmes of closures announced in last year's budget will continue as the County strives to make £60million savings over 3 years. It is of note that we have not closed one Library and the willingness of communities to take on their own library with our technical support is a credit to all and demonstrates the Prime Minister's vision of The Big Society in action. The future format of Community Forums and area grants should be decided at the County's AGM in May. Ratley and Upton have not lost anything to date as a result of these savings. Speeding is still a county wide problem and the new highways repairs contract with Belfour Beatty is showing an increased speed in minor repairs.

Cllr Chris Williams
Member for Kineton Division - WCC
20.05.12.

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Appendix 3 - Ratley village Hall annual report

Report by Chair of Trustees Ratley Village Hall (Charity no 522987) May 2012

The Trustees of Ratley Village Hall charity are :Officers: Robin Flintoff –Chair, Lisa Curtlin – Treasurer, Sue Flintoff – Secretary (temporary); Trustee representatives, Chris Todd, Judith Walsh, Mike Grinnell – Moore, Pat Brazier, David Lamb, Carole –Ann Mahler. All are volunteers and non paid representatives of the charity. The only paid members are the self employed caretakers and cleaners Joe and Irene Williams.

The principle object of the charity is the promotion of the physical, mental, recreational, social, moral and intellectual development of the community of inhabitants of the parish of Ratley and Upton. To this end the RVHall Charity provides a base and a focus for activity. The Trustees are charged with ensuring the viability and maintenance of the structure of the hall to enable these objects to be met successfully year on year. With the direction of their officers they should plan, manage and engage in activities which support these aims and maintain the financial strength of the charity.

This is done by the organisation of events or the encouragement and support of other groups to promote and successfully carry out their activities. This is done primarily by the Trustees themselves but along with many other voluntary helpers who come under the umbrella of the ‘Friends of Ratley Village Hall’.

Work carried out by the Trustees this year has been focussed on the financial and the safety and security of the hall and its users.

Financially the hall remains at risk. This risk is exacerbated by both the rising costs of utilities and services that everyone one is experiencing in their own household budgets and less than full usage on a day to day basis. It has not been helped by improper use of the heating systems within the hall that have run up bills of more than twice the anticipated amount in one quarter over the winter months. On average it should cost about £6 a day to maintain the hall at an equitable temperature. Bills at nearly three times this amount. This would be unsustainable in the long term and put the future of the hall charity in financial jeopardy. The Trustees are grateful that Adrian Berry has offered to conduct a systems analysis on the heating controls to ascertain the optimum settings to maintain an equitable environment whilst minimising costs.

Of course much of this would not be a problem if the hall was in use throughout most of the day or even regularly once a day by any user group. Marketing especially to outside users is the key to this problem but remains a long term aim rather than an immediate possibility. Trustees have limited time to spend on these activities. Word of mouth is slowly filling the gap and hall bookings are up despite the recession. However it has been necessary to also raise the rates to all users and this trend will continue to match the national rise in prices. Villagers should be aware however that current charges do not meet the full cost of expenditure; the local rate is a subsidised rate. The Hall charity still has the responsibility to ‘occupy and use the hall for the charity’s purposes or let it for maximum return’ but it is also clear that this is a major issue within the community and getting the balance right is a challenge and a risk to the Charity.

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Review of income and expenditure

To March 2012 Income for the year	£9,873
Expenditure	£15,155 (including depreciation of £5,338)
Loss ofr year	£5,282 (profit before depreciation £56)
Cash balance	£8,385
Net current assets	£8,904

We are eternally grateful to the PC for their financial support in the form of an annual grant without which the hall Charity would be constantly in deficit.

After many years of effort the RVH Charity has had its bid to be accepted on the FITS tariff scheme accepted. This will mean a regular income to the hall from the electricity its solar panels generate.

The RVH Charity has subscribed to the Vodafone “Just text Giving ‘scheme to encourage online donations.

We have to demonstrate ‘Public Benefit’ every year in our reporting to the Charity Commission. They and the BIG Lottery receive a report on our progress and financial status. We have to show probity and transparency in all our dealings. Decisions the trustees take have to be made in the light of their aims and objectives set out in their ‘Deed of Trust’. We do not have any problems demonstrating this advantage to the local community. We subsidise many events offering special rates and concessions to the young and the elderly. Hiring rates to locals are subsidised and lower than those to the general public. We stage events that bring social interaction and culture to the community acting as direct providers or supporting other voluntary organisations. Many of the local fitness/exercise clubs benefit from a subsidised hiring rate.

We are eternally grateful to all those ‘Friends of Ratley Village Hall who give up their time and energy and use their talents to create and stage events that support the hall funds. This year has already seen a themed New Year Party and a spring choral event with the Love has many Guises concert. The rural cinema continues to be a key event in the monthly calendar especially for the youngsters. The hall has a film licence for the ‘Friends of Ratley Village Hall ‘that has been used for several film based entertainment parties. This can be applied for from the Trustees. The Hall has supported the Youth Club and plans to set up a ‘Youth Wing’ to further assist their activities and extend our charitable status. The hall has supported the summer fete. The hall is used by the PCC for ‘Messy Church’. The Flower and Produce Show will continue as an annual attraction in the hall in the autumn. The hall is used by local democracy in both PC meetings and as a polling station. It is our plan to act as a resource for information about services locally with additional noticeboards and displays.

The Trustees with the considerable help and talents of Adrian Berry have upgraded and refined the provision of their AV and cinema equipment. It is now possible to easily connect music, film and computer information to the projector and play it in a synchronised way.

The Trustees have been acting to ensure the safe running of the hall. A ‘Risk Assessment ‘has been compiled and is given to outside providers. Information on ‘Risk’ is provided to all users and on site contractors. In addition a ‘Fire Safety policy ‘has been produced and an Emergency ‘Fire box ‘provided to assist any user in the event of a fire occurring. The focus of this is to provide a checklist for a responsible adult acting as a ‘Fire Marshall’ and guide them through the steps to emptying the hall, ensuring orderly assembly, safeguarding the public and liaising with the proper authorities .

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The Trustees have completed a post refurbishment survey of the community response and use of the Hall, the details of which they hope to publish soon.

The Trustees are not a permanent fixture although sometimes it feels as if they are! Every year they face the public at an AGM and the Officers and Trustees are elected. The Trustees always need new blood and new ideas and would encourage anyone to get involved. There are far fewer meetings now than ever and the work can be very rewarding to both the individual and the community. We do desperately need another organised and computer literate person to step forward as secretary on a more permanent basis.

Future plans involve the storage on the stage, the Reading Room, marketing, updating the constitution.

This report was approved by the trustees on Monday 28th May 2012

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Appendix 4 - Ratley PCC Report

St Peter ad Vincula Church, Ratley.

Report from PCC to Annual Parish Meeting – 30th May 2012

The usual pattern of services has continued on a weekly basis with two Communion and one lay led evensong each month but our minister, the Rev Barry Jackson, has introduced two innovations over the past year. One is Pub Church with a Sunday evening meeting at the Rose and Crown once a month for discussion of current topics of interest, a quiz and prayer. The second is Messy Church, for families with young children, on a Saturday afternoon in a village hall. Both have been used by people who are not regular church goers and have proved popular. Barry is also involved in pastoral visiting in the village on a regular basis as shown in the Weekly Notices.

Barry has been very ably supported, as usual, by our associate minister Richard Cooke. It is also hoped that an additional cleric will be appointed for our group of churches shortly. There have been no changes in the make-up of the PCC.

Special services during the year included a Wedding Celebration, Harvest Festival and Supper, Carol and Crib Services and a special Gift Day.

The PCC is very grateful to all those people involved in church cleaning and the flower rota, to the organists and the Festival Choir; and to all those who supported Gift Day.

On the social side The Annual Bazaar, a concert by the Shenlow Singers and the Sponsored Bicycle Ride were enjoyed by all.

Repair work during the year included major work on the organ, and porch and churchyard wall repairs. The cost of the organ repair was covered by a most generous donation from a parishioner. The PCC is very grateful for this, and for the increased support from the Parish Council for grass cutting.

Finally, we are all aware of Barry's commitment to furthering community links, and planning and promoting the Edgehill Games for enjoyment by all.

Mark Orr, Lay Chair of PCC

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Appendix 5 – Ratley Youth Club Report

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting
May 30th 2012

Another successful year for Ratley Youth Club, thanks to the programme planning talent of the Youth Leaders Ruth Todd, Susie Backhouse and Sarah Jarvis and the large team of volunteers. Recently we welcomed Kieron Slocombe as a new leader who as well as bringing skills and enthusiasm, helps with the gender balance for key events.

This year saw the biggest membership in over two decades: at 21 it put a bit of a strain on the finances and we took the unprecedented step of asking parents for donations if they felt able to contribute and were gratified by families' generosity which put over £200 in the account at a time when local authority grants are increasingly scarce. More importantly, it meant that we did not have to put up Club Night prices, holding them at £2 per member, or £5 per family where there are three or more eligible children.

Next year, we anticipate a more manageable 15, as teenagers mature, but we welcome back former members at any time for favourite activities, which younger members gain from enormously.

Activities through the year include physically and personally challenging activities such as sailing, bowling, climbing wall, wind-surfing, ice-skating, laser tag and clay pigeon shooting. Some of these have been scheduled for weekends to accommodate those children who can't attend on Fridays because they are away at school, evidence that we continue to strive to be inclusive for the whole community.

By contrast, village based events such as Easter crafts and cooking, a drama workshop, Treasure Hunt and swim, pizza and film or quiz and chill out nights develop the creative skills, but they are equally popular and balance the budget for more heavily subsidised events. And we all really appreciate the terrific Village Hall facilities when we are playing at home.

We make sure each year that there are a couple of family events such as cycle ride or walk and supper - this summer will be a games evening and barbecue on the Rec.

Our periodic community arts project is coming round again, (remember the ceramic frieze and the lantern procession?) so if anyone has any ideas, please let Shona know.

Finally, thanks go to the volunteers who lead the club events, absorbing many costs such as transporting members to events, and to the management committee of parents and others from the village who do the fund-raising and ensure that we conform to relevant regulations. Special thanks go to Claire and Stuart Brown, whose long service as Secretary and Treasurer respectively is a generally unseen public service.

Shona Walton
May 2012

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Appendix 6 — Ratley & Upton Welfare Trust Report

RATLEY & UPTON WELFARE TRUST

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 01/03/2011 TO 29/02/2012

INCOME

E-ON	68.92
Allotments x12 (inclusive of water charge)	247.71
Land at Edgehill (Hughes)	157.57
Land at Radway (Douthwaite)	736.00
Land at Edgehill (Hopkins)	215.00
M. Blann c (c/o Seccombes)	78.00
Interest COIF Deposit	1.78
COIF INC DIV	10.73
Reserve Account	0.17

Total 1515.88

EXPENDITURE

Severn Trent Water	113.69
Senior Citizens (84 x £10)	840.00
School Children (30 x £5)	150.00
Ratley Youth Club	120.00
Ratley Table Tennis Club	55.00
Expenses (Xmas cards & stamps)	6.97
Village Hall	4.10
Childrens Entertainer	80.00

Total 1369.76

Bank Reconciliation

B/f	01/03/2011	646.85
Income		1515.88
		<u>2162.73</u>

Paid		1369.76
C/f	29/02/2012	792.97
		<u>2162.73</u>

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Appendix 7 - Ratley & District WI report

Report of Ratley & District W.I. 2011-2012.

Although we only have 19 members, we have a very full programme of events through out the year. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Our summer season starts off with a Garden Party in one of our members beautiful garden. The buffet is supplied by members, & sometimes we are lucky with the weather.

Our members do the teas for the Open Gardens & help with the fete & any visiting W.I's. We can supply the best cakes in the locality.

We've had speakers on all topics & had a very enjoyable evening at James Butler's Sculpture Studio in Radway.

We attended the N.F.W.I Annual General Meeting held in Liverpool last year & are represented this year by a delegate from Mollington W.I who will travel to the Royal Albert Hall in London.

We offer a bi-annual bursary so that members may attend courses at our residential college at Marcham in Oxfordshire. Husbands too may attend some courses.

Two teams entered the County Quiz & one team being successful coming 7th out of total entry of 210.

We had a very successful Christmas dinner held in the Village Hall, the evening being done expertly by Beverly Webb of Shipston-on-Stroud.

We regularly join up with Kineton W.I for Group meeting & joining them to go to Sudeley Castle in July.

We are at present holders of the W.I. Jubilee - Olympics Baton, which will be passed onto Warrington next week for us to carry on to every Institute in Warwickshire.

Our December meeting, again Kineton joining us, for an evening of song provided the Ratley Warblers.

New years programme is being compiled & we hope to see any new members who care to join us. They will be very welcome.

Flonica Davies
President