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We would like to thank Vivienne Seymour for contributing the cover for this 14th edition of the Stockade. Vivienne lives in Sileby and is a professional artist. Her drawing depicts the White Horse Inn and Church in Seagrave.

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Editorial.

Yet again the village is to lose one of its amenities, the Alliance and Leicester Building Society, which if we listen to local opinion was/is well used. This prompts the question "What will we lose if we don't use the facilities?" We should all support the people who provide these services, whether it be local shopkeepers, or the police who we expect to solve local crime. The village must pull together if it is to thrive and survive.

You've probably been puzzling over our front cover - where in Sileby is the idyllic setting? This is the first time we have not shown a picture of our village on the cover. Throughout the time we have been producing the Stockade we have had difficulty in obtaining suitable cover drawings, having to make approaches to those we know with artistic talents. Please help us - let us know if you can supply a suitable drawing or perhaps you have ideas for a different format for the Stockade's cover?

We are very pleased to be able to report that you responded well to the plea for more articles and for help with the magazine. Your comments and thoughts from the last edition have been included in this copy. Thank you. Let's keep the momentum going. A special thank you to Joy Roberts and Keith Dunbar who have agreed to help with the typing-in and proof-reading.

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If you would like anything included on the diary page for the next edition of the Stockade please let us know (see page 1 for dropping off points). The Christmas edition will be delivered at the beginning of December.

FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER Sileby's Townswomen's Guild meets at the Community Centre at 7.30 pm. Colour Combination in the Home will be explained by Mrs S. Hardy. This talk will be followed by a harvest supper.

TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER Ros Barney from the Loughborough Volunteer Bureau will be available to give information about voluntary work in and around Sileby, at Sileby Community Centre House from 10 am until 12 noon.

THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER Sileby Community Health Project have arranged an informal meeting which is being held at the Community Centre House at 10 am with a view to starting up a new "food/dieting problem" group.

TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER A meeting will be held at Sileby Community Centre at 7.30 pm for anyone wishing to join Sileby Art and Craft Society.

FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER Ros Barney from the Loughborough Volunteer Bureau will be available to give information about voluntary work in and around Sileby, at Sileby Community Centre House from 10 am until 12 noon.

Sileby's Townswomen's Guild meet at the Community Centre at 7.30 pm. Mr M. Millington will give a talk with slides of his impressions of Japan. This will be followed by a geography quiz.

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER St. Gregorys Roman Catholic Church are holding their Autumn Fayre in the church hall from 10 am onwards.

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER Friends of Swan Street Surgery will be holding their Autumn Fayre at Sileby Community Centre from 10 am to 12 noon.

FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER Ros Barney from the Loughborough Volunteer Bureau will be available to give information about voluntary work in and around Sileby, at Sileby Community Centre House from 10 am until 12 noon.

Sileby's Townswomen's Guild meet at the Community Centre at 7.30pm. Chemicals in the home is the subject of the demonstration this month.

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER Sileby Arts and Craft Society will be holding an exhibition and sale at the Village Institute.
SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER Friends of Redlands will be holding their Winter Fayre. Details from Peter Turner (813861).

Sileby Parish Council's "100th Anniversary of Parish Councils" exhibition will take place at Sileby Community Centre. You will be able to see photographs and slides of Sileby along with copies of the minutes of interest from the Council records.

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER Sileby's Townswomen's Guild meet at the Community Centre at 7.30 pm, when we will be having our Christmas Party. All ladies welcome.

TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER Ros Barney from the Loughborough Volunteer Bureau will be available to give information about voluntary work in and around Sileby, at Sileby Community Centre House from 10 am until 12 noon.

FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY Sileby Townswomen's Guild at the Community Centre at 7.30 pm. Mrs Nora Smith of Sileby will be telling of her travels in the Far East.

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY Sileby Townswomen's Guild at Sileby Community Centre at 7.30 pm. Reverend Carole Holden of the Methodist Chapel will be giving a talk on her very interesting life.



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ODE TO A YOUNG, YOUNG MAN

*I gazed upon his lustrous hair,
My spouses long had gone,
And felt once more the longing where,
I could have sworn I'd none.*

*His eager lips are seeking mine,
Why does my foot hurt so,
The blood leaps through my veins like wine,
He's standing on my toe.*

*But wait my love no further go,
I would not have you guess,
What stalwart stays are there beneath,
The silken of my dress.*

*You are young and fair and shy,
And I am what I am,
Well I may be drawing my pension love,
But I'm willing to have a try.*

Anon

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SILEBY TOWN SILVER BAND

I am hoping I can put some names to the musicians in the photo of Sileby Town Brass Band, as shown in the Summer Edition of the Stockade.

I was a member with my dad and my two elder brothers. I left the brass band to join a dance band after 1934. The photo must have been taken after then.

My dad always said I was the only son to let him down when I went Dance Banding. It wasn't till I joined the Royal Marine Band during the war that I was accepted back into the fold. I can't remember all the names, I can still remember the faces but not the names.

Front Row (left to right)

Fred Yates, (?), Mr Yates, Mr Tommy Clark - Bandmaster, Mr Billy Rubins - Conductor, Mr Edmund Foulds, My Dad, Mr J.R. Smith, (?) - I know the face but not the name.

2nd Row

(?), (?), Mr George Adams, My Brother Gerald (Jeg to me), Mr Wilf Harris, (?), Mr George Potter.

Back Row

Mr Edward Rose, Mr Ernie Clark, (?), Jabez Clarke, Emil Bandy, (?), Walter Foulds.

When I left the "Ideal " Dance band to join "The Gregs", Walter Foulds took my place. I think I am about right, I hope so anyway.

Fig Smith

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THE GREGS

The article in the Summer Edition stimulated quite a bit of interest and further information has been provided by Mrs Freeman and Fig Smith.

Local housewife Mrs Carol-Anne Freeman could hardly believe her eyes when she read through the last edition of The Stockade, for there in black and white was one of her own articles written over twenty years ago! In those days she worked as a freelance journalist/television scriptwriter and wrote occasionally for the Leicester Mercury under the 'Mr Leicester' heading.

"I remember it well" said Carol-Anne. "My mother, Nora Sheehan, had been a fan of the Gregs band back in the 1930's. When she told me they were getting together after 30 years, off I went to interview Fig Smith. My copy was usually well down the page but that article was my first leader (the main story of the page) and I was paid the princely sum of £1.10s.0d! I felt quite touched that Mrs Oswin had kept the article all those years. Usually your work is very short-lived. It was a case of writing your article one day, getting it in print the next and then getting your fish and chips wrapped in it at the weekend! I thought it was lovely that someone had actually kept it."

And do you still write? "Professionally no, soon after that article was written I put my career on hold to nurse my father and never took it up again. In some ways though I don't think you ever quite lose the writing bug. It's a case of "once a scribbler always a scribbler" I guess, for I was Publicity Officer for Sileby St. John Ambulance at one time and at the moment I am Press Officer for Sileby Scout Group."



A photo of "The Gregs" taken on Friday 23rd April 1971 at the Village Institute. This was the night after the 'Big Write-up' in the Mercury. The dance was in aid of Dr. Barnardos.

The band from left to right:-

Stan Whittington, Horace Oswin, Arthur Lee, Donald Ward, Arthur Smith (Tas), Fig Smith, Les Walters.

Sadly three of the band have since died, Horace Oswin, Donald Ward and Les Walters.

Fig Smith

ALLIANCE & LEICESTER BUILDING SOCIETY

All the staff at the Alliance & Leicester would like to thank their customers past and present for your loyalty during the last 14 years.

Whilst this is a sad occasion for the village we must think of this as a new challenge and the start of a new era for us all.

Many thanks.

Kathryn Grocock-Matts
(Manageress)

Progress

*The Barclay and the Midland went their way,
And were followed by the T.S.B.
Now The Alliance and Leicester, sad to say,
From Sileby is parting company.*

*Is this the beginning of the end
For the Sileby we once knew?
It's called progress, but that does depend
Upon each individual point of view.*

*For the market forces now play the tune,
To which it seems the world must dance.
But if Sileby becomes deserted soon,
How can this progress our lives enhance?*

S. Allen

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Sileby Village Quiz League

October will see the beginning of the new season of the Village Quiz League. The season runs from October to March with a Finals night in April, games

being played on the second Monday of each month. Teams consist of four players and matches are usually played in pubs and clubs in the village. Each team pays £4 to cover the cost of trophies etc. Signing on sheets will be put up in each of the playing venues and collected by mid-September.

If you are unable to sign on in this way please contact Liz Robinson (812871).

Last year's league winners were "Trade R", and the finals night winners were the "Same as Last Year".

Good luck to all teams who enter.

Liz Robinson

BRIAN CHRISTIE

It is with great sadness that we report on the death of Dr Brian Christie, who we remember very fondly. Our thoughts go out to Jean, his wife, and his three daughters at this time. Dr Christie made Sileby his home and worked extremely hard as the family doctor to many of us for a very long time, and even when his own health was poor he put his duties first. Many of you who were his patients and friends have your own memories and stories to tell - he will not be forgotten.

Dr Keith Dunbar writes:-

I first came to Sileby in 1982 to have a look around the village prior to applying for the vacant practice left by Dr Ahmad's death. The first person I met was Brian, and I immediately took a liking for him, with his genial warmth and gentle humour. He instantly made me feel at ease, and from that beginning my affection for him grew over the years. He and Jean always made me feel welcome in their home, and when I was going through some difficult times of my own he was always kind and supportive. Although we were a generation apart, and I have no doubt that he often thought I was quite mad, with my ideas for modernising my practice, and my general approach to my work as a family doctor, I think he realised that I was doing my best to try and combine the best of his traditional style of family doctoring with the best of the new, and his good humoured tolerance meant that we could always get on well together. I do not recall a single incident where we argued or fell out, even though I know there were times when I probably gave him due cause. Of course he could be pretty dogmatic at times, and there were many occasions when I disagreed with him, and could perhaps have felt on the defensive, but somehow I never did - his manner was never threatening, always charming, always friendly.

I shall miss him.

and from Popsie Gilbert:-

Sileby has lost one of its best loved characters with the death in July of Dr Brian Christie. He came to Sileby in 1956 and after practising for 34 years, retired when he was 70 years old. When he first came to Sileby he was unmarried, but shortly afterwards he married Jean and they had three daughters Rachel, Madeleine and Sarah.

He was a native of Northern Ireland and his Irish brogue and sense of humour endeared him to Sileby people.

When he was younger and able he would run up the stairs whistling when he visited his patients, and many of his older ones will say that that was enough to make them feel better.

When he was seventy and retiring, the village arranged a social evening to mark the event. The organisers were unsure how well it would be attended. However it was soon apparent that the Community Centre's large hall would be full to overflowing. It was a joyful evening and the Doctor, who was normally a man who never sought the limelight, thoroughly enjoyed himself and managed to speak to everyone.

Dr Christie was a keen fisherman, fishing mainly in Derbyshire and often bringing home trout to eat or to give away.

He was also a member of the Soar Valley Rotary Club.

As at his retirement, St Marys Church was full for his funeral, with his family, friends and patients joining together to pay their last respects to a man who had earned the love and respect of the Sileby people.



WARTIME MEMORIES

I was born in Sileby where I spent some of my happiest days. At a very young age I was invited to join the George Haines Accordion Band (Sileby Division). We would go around playing at various functions, garden parties etc. The atmosphere was electric, with everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves. Over the Highbridge (King Street) we had stationed a searchlight battery and my sister Hazel and I would take my accordion and entertain the boys. I still have their autographs. I recall at the time I could only play "When I grow too old to dream", "Red sails in the sunset" and "If you were the only girl in the world". We were invited back lots of times. I nearly forgot "The more I see you", which was very popular. Wonderful times, wonderful memories, never to be forgotten. Marvellous magazine, keep up the good work!

Patsy Ward-Fewkes
(Castle Donnington)

Editors Note:-

We were very pleased to receive this letter from Mrs Ward-Fewkes, which was accompanied by a duplicated photograph of George Haines Accordion Band. Unfortunately we are unable to publish the photograph but if anyone is interested in seeing it please let us know.

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A WALK TO SEE MY OLD HOME

On Saturday the 14th of May it was a lovely sunny afternoon. My friend Ina and myself decided to go for a walk. When we met at the park gates Ina said "Where shall we go", so I said "We will go and see the house where I spent my childhood days". We set off from our homes, Ina from her home on Greedon, and I from mine on St Mary's Road, meeting at the park gates, going along King Street over the High Bridge, taking a look at our new station on our way over, then onto the Barrow Road until we came to the blue bridge. Turning under there, we climbed over the gate to the right into the fields. We continued on our way through the fields, occupied by cows and calves, also sheep with their lambs, remembering what my dad taught me about closing all gates behind us, which I never forget, being used to wandering through in my school days, noticing so many changes. A pond in one field, where once there was a bridge, hedges taken out to make fields bigger, trees that had gone due to Dutch Elm disease. When we got to my old home it was very sad to see how forlorn and neglected it looked as no-one has lived in it for such a long time. I had taken my camera with me so I could take some photos. Wandering round the buildings with Ina, I told her the kind of things I did to amuse myself, as I had no-one to play with. When I left school and went to work at Newbold and Burton, and met my late husband. We did all our courting walking around those fields. Enough of my reminiscing, lets get on with our walk. After taking my photos we carried on walking eventually coming to the road which leads up to Quebec Farm, turning right walking up to reach Seagrave Road. Turning right once again we carried on until we came to Jubilee Avenue then through the passage into Greedon reaching Ina's home where we had a most welcome cup of tea, after which I went home to St Mary's Road after a most enjoyable afternoon's walk, with a host of wonderful memories.

Flossie Bunney

NEWS FROM SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL (Compiled by Councillor Gordon Ward)

Please could any replies or comments be sent to:-

**The Clerk of the Council,
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NEW COUNCILLORS

The Council is now back to 'full strength' with the recent addition of two new Councillors. These are Councillor John Astill and Councillor John Reedy. They were both welcomed to the last Parish Council meeting in July.

FLOODS

Don't forget this subject, it could and will happen again in the future. Remember the reports last year? "Slash Lane CLOSED for 31 days during the year". It will be interesting to see if the 'improvements' at Barrow will help SILEBY. The Slash Lane Improvement Pressure Group are still working to try to get some improvements, so they still need all your support by continuing to write to the various Authorities, including the Group, whenever you have any problems created by the floods.

With the recent DRY, HOT Weather we tend to forget the floods, but the rains will return along with all the usual problems.

100th ANNIVERSARY OF PARISH COUNCILS

In December 1894 the 'First' Parish Councils were formed. Since then a lot of changes have taken place over the years.

If you make a point of visiting the 'Community Centre' on November 19th 1994 you will see Photographs and slides of Sileby along with copies of the minutes of interest from the Council records, during the 100 year period.

Some residents have promised photographs for the display, but more are needed. Can you help? Photographs ... Stories ... Artifacts...etc. If so please contact the Clerk to the Council or any Councillor.

Watch the notice board for further details.

FLYPOSTING

I am sure you all know what 'Flyposting' is, it is the age old habit of event organisers who want your support and money to advertise their events.

It consists these days, of allowing all suitable lamp posts and Telegraph poles to sprout A4 plywood boards carrying their advertisements, around the Village and surrounding areas.

Unfortunately these 'Sprouting boards' do not go away after the event has finished. They create an 'eyesore' within our Village. What are your views? Please let us know. We would be pleased to hear from those responsible for the problem, to explain the reasons for not removing the boards and advertisements.

Could I suggest that if you have time to put them up, you should have time to take them down.

So to all event organisers; PLEASE help keep our village tidy.

If you HAVE to use the posts, please take them down after your event (the POSTERS ... NOT the posts). Sileby has just reached the 2nd round of the 'Best Kept Village' competition. Don't ruin our chances of winning.

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ALLIANCE AND LEICESTER BUILDING SOCIETY, HIGH STREET

By now it is possibly a place from the past.

Why do we have to suffer in Sileby with the disappearance of all our amenities? To quote: The Midland ... Barclays ... T.S.B and now the Alliance. All gone. Your Parish Council along with our Borough and County Councillors have been trying to get the situation reversed.

Unfortunately 'Big Business' dictates the terms. Let us hope that someone else comes to 'Fill the gap'.

SILEBY'S "BEST FRONT GARDEN" COMPETITION

The Parish Council are delighted with the excellent response this year. Twenty entries were received by the closing date at the Council Offices. We were pleased to have a visit from a past resident of Sileby as our main Judge. Mr Jim McIntosh is Public Relations and Promotions Manager for 'P.B.I.' who market Baby Bio products. Jim is also a regular Broadcaster on Radio Leicester's "Down to Earth" programme which is on air on Saturday each week on 104.9 stereo at 12.30 pm, and a past Chairman of our Parish Council.

The other judges were Mr T Machin (Council Chairman) and Mrs P. Staples (Chairman of the Parks Committee). All the judges viewed the gardens separately. Photographs were taken by Councillor Gordon Ward so all entrants could have a picture of their efforts. All the awards were P.B.I. Products, the first three supplied by P.B.I., and the remainder supplied by the Parish Council, plus the Photographs.

The winning Shield was donated by Councillor T. Machin and the 'BIO Trophy' for the "Best Feature in a garden" was donated by P.B.I.

The awards were judged as follows:-

1st place	Goods valued at £50 to Mrs J. Price (Seagrave Road) and the Winners Shield
2nd place	Goods valued at £30 to Mr & Mrs E. Byrne (Barrow Road)
3rd place	Goods valued at £20 to Mrs A. Parkinson (Pryor Road)
4th place	Goods valued at £15 to Mr & Mrs T. Matthews (Heathcote Drive)
5th place	Goods valued at £10 to Mr C. Roberts (Cossington Road)
6th place	Goods valued at £5 to Mr B. Swanwick (St. Gregory's Drive)
7th place	Goods valued at £5 to <i>Nominated</i> (Northill Close)
8th place	Goods valued at £5 to Mr & Mrs M. Newbold (Heathcote Drive)
9th place	Goods valued at £5 to Mr A. Litherland (Greedon Rise)

The 'BIO' Trophy was presented to Mr & Mrs Matthews for their excellent lawn.

Our congratulations to all who entered, especially those who won awards, and our sincere thanks to our Judges for their work in deciding the winner.

The Judges were extremely impressed by the very high standard of entries which gave them problems in assessing the order of awards, in view of the various sized gardens.

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HAS ANYONE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE MALTINGS?

Mr Ken Cowling, who owns the Maltings (last edition's front cover) wonders if anyone could write an article regarding the history of the industry in Sileby including the Maltings. He has included his own summary and writes:-

I think in your next issue it would interest your readers to know some of the history of the Maltings. Sharpe's brewery, which was formed in 1846, together with Wrights brickyard, were then the only employers of labour in Sileby, it being purely agricultural. In the Victorian age the shoe industry started up in Sileby and was then the largest employer.

MICK. BALL

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Neighbourhood Watch members are expected to be alert and respond to what is going on in their neighbourhood. You will not be expected to patrol streets or be vigilantes but simply work together as neighbours to look out for each other and each other's properties. For example, milk bottles left on the doorstep or a newspaper half pushed through a letter box can mean a neighbour has gone away and forgotten to cancel a regular order, or it can mean someone living alone needs help or attention. These kinds of signs attract criminals. However, if you notice them and respond, you can save a lot of heartache and expense ... and one day your neighbour could do the same for you.

Many members have agreed that Neighbourhood Watch has brought back a community spirit in their area.

Sileby has a number of schemes at the moment which are working well but the ideal situation would be to completely cover the village. Each street of approximately 40 houses has a scheme coordinator who would be a resident of that street with a bit of time on their hands and would be the point of contact with the police. There are then about six contact persons who act as a link between individual households and the Coordinator. Any information from the police goes to the coordinator, to the contacts and to the households, and of course vice versa with information to the police.

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SILEBY STATION OPENS FOR BUSINESS

29th May 1994, this was the day I was looking forward to. The sun was shining and the birds singing. Washing, dressing and breakfast over with, I closed the front door and set off.

Had it really been 26 years since I had made a similar journey? Reaching the bottom of the steps I couldn't help but think how steep they were. My mind went back to the last time when I too had struggled with two toddlers and a pushchair. Perhaps with hindsight a walkway would have been better.

Still onwards and upwards I made the climb arriving on the new station platform. Not many folk were waiting for the train, but it is early days and hopefully people will make good use of this facility.

With a hoot on its whistle the train arrived, and believe it or not it was on time. Stepping aboard I sat down, reliving old memories.

Oh the joy of not having to fight your way through all the traffic plus the agony of trying to park. I arrived in Leicester calm and relaxed and spent a pleasant day knowing I would not have to worry about getting home through the rush hour traffic.

The return journey was just as good. Thirteen minutes and I was back in Sileby. One can spend this much time waiting to get out of the car park. I considered this journey well worth the £2.20 return fare that it cost me.

So come on you Sileby people. Please use this service, we don't want to lose it again. Just remember that when the floods are out this may well be your only way to get to town.

JEAN TAYLOR, RAINBOWS END

Progress

*The swallows have left:
one morning, incredibly,
they were there no longer
on the line outside my window
where, every morning, they
would sit in measured rank,
awaiting the call of the South
to tell them it was time to go.
I remember they came
just as abruptly -
suddenly they were there;
the young, with the feel
of the nest still on them,
being fed by a hovering parent
in a whirr of wings.
For a long time they would sit
gaping their beaks while
the old birds urged them out
to find their own provisions
in the fluttering larder;*

*then they would dart, skim about,
their altitude determined
by the imminence of rain
and, always, they were back
in line next morning.
Their wait went on, each day
they were settled for a little longer,
the spacing ever more meticulous.
Now they have gone; somewhere south,
in a sky replete with sun and provender,
they trace their arrowed paths;
and I am left in envy of this swift
departure. I would follow,
but there would be weeks
of waiting, planning forms.
How much more satisfactory
to fly off at a moment's notice
with the swallows.*

Ken Middleton

**ANSWERS TO STOCKADE QUIZ
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| 1 | COMMON | 25 | TENT |
| 2 | MASS | 26 | CHAIN |
| 3 | COTTAGE | 27 | GUIDE |
| 4 | RIP | 28 | COMIC (LIGHT fits as well) |
| 5 | GRINDER | 29 | NURSERY |
| 6 | WAX | 30 | MARRIAGE |
| 7 | MUSIC | 31 | GALA |
| 8 | CONTINENTAL | 32 | DECIMAL |
| 9 | CARBON | 33 | ANIMAL |
| 10 | PERSONALITY | 34 | ACCIDENT |
| 11 | SWEEPER | 35 | CARRIAGE |
| 12 | EMERY | 36 | DRUG |
| 13 | COLLECTOR | 37 | DRY |
| 14 | TREATMENT | 38 | ARABIAN |
| 15 | STERILE | 39 | OFFER |
| 16 | CAMP | 40 | JAR |
| 17 | LINE | | |
| 18 | PEN | | |
| 19 | RAZOR | | |
| 20 | CORN | | |
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| 22 | HALF | | |
| 23 | BOARD | | |
| 24 | BACK | | |

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- * Rosemary Faulconbridge (Flaxland Crescent)
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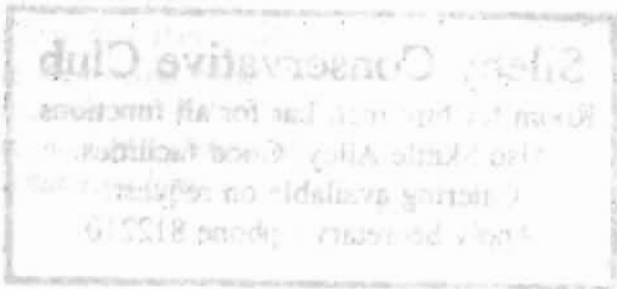
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STOCKADE QUIZ - NUMBER 14

This month's prize quiz takes us back to anagrams of towns and cities:.....

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|----|---------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | ANT SIGHS | 23 | NOT A NUT |
| 2 | MITRED REDSKIN | 24 | CHIEF DILL |
| 3 | HER ESCORT | 25 | DARTS OFF |
| 4 | GOLD IN TARN | 26 | GRAINED |
| 5 | PLOVER OIL | 27 | I GNAW |
| 6 | HEALED HEART | 28 | WIDENS |
| 7 | WHICH GEM BOY | 29 | BURNED MY STUDS |
| 8 | YEARLY BUS | 30 | NO GENT WILL |
| 9 | OUTER TEXT | 31 | HERB HUGS LEN |
| 10 | SKIRT BY KEW | 32 | RETCHES |
| 11 | LEFT ROD | 33 | IDLE KATH |
| 12 | HOT FROGS | 34 | BIG DRY EWE |
| 13 | BOB WON A TENT | 35 | HOLED HAY |
| 14 | GET YOUR MARTHA | 36 | RAT HUNTERS |
| 15 | BEN WORKED UP TWICE | 37 | BUSY RAILS |
| 16 | IN PERTH | 38 | COLD HARE |
| 17 | CORNY VET | 39 | I'M ALL FOR WIT |
| 18 | BRATS PANEL | 40 | THATS NO NUN |
| 19 | SUED FIRM | | |
| 20 | NUNS LADDER | | |
| 21 | RIMED FUNNEL | | |
| 22 | VANE BOAR | | |

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Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month in the Pochin Hall at 7.30 pm. A variety of interesting speakers come to the meetings, so why not come along and enjoy the company and fellowship of these meetings, whether you attend church or otherwise.

SILEBY EVERGREEN CLUB - CONTACT - Mrs Vera Walters (812195)

For retired residents of the village. Meetings are on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at the Village Institute.

HOMESTART - CONTACT - Sue Carruthers (842282)

For families with children under 5 years. Meetings are held at Sileby Community Centre from 1 pm to 3 pm every Tuesday. There is a charge of 40p per family.

SQUEELS ON WHEELS - CONTACT - Jayne Beck (814339)

For mums with pre-play-school children. Meetings are on Thursdays from 9.30 am to 11.30 am at the Pochin Hall, Mountsorrel Lane. There is a charge of 50p per family, which includes refreshments.

SILEBY COMMUNITY PROJECT - CONTACT - Caroline Harding (816403)

Based at the Community Centre House. For the benefit of anyone who lives and works in Sileby. Drop-in facilities, information, support networks, self help groups, volunteers. If you need help or can give help, call Caroline.

SILEBY VIKINGS BASEBALL TEAM - CONTACT - Tony Green (816198)

For anyone from 11 years of age for the junior team and any age for the senior teams. Matches take place during the summer months.

1st SILEBY BROWNIES - CONTACT - Elaine Taylor (814874)

For girls aged from 7 years. There is a waiting list to join.

THE WHITTINGTON BADGER SETT - CONTACT - Rita Wain (812344)

For children from 6 to 10 years. This is the junior section of the St John's Ambulance. There is a waiting list.

SILEBY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY - CONTACT - Lionel Blower (816287)

Everyone is welcome to come along to the meetings at the Village Institute, Manor Drive held most Monday evenings (7.30 for 8 pm).

SILEBY GOSHIN JU-JITSU CLUB - CONTACT - Alec Preston

Everyone is welcome to join this club which meets at Sileby Community Centre every Tuesday night. Children's classes are from 6.45 pm to 7.45 pm, with adults meeting afterwards until 9 pm. Just turn up for further information.

SILEBY METHODIST JUNIOR CHURCH - CONTACTS - Marilyn Nelson, superintendent (813726) or Karen Ette, secretary (812805) For young people from 0-18 (or older) - fun, activities, learning about Jesus's love and bible study. Every Sunday 10.45 am - 11.45 am. Creche also available.

2nd SILEBY RAINBOW GUIDES - CONTACTS - Julie Caddock or Linda Jones (812385)
For 5 to 7 year old girls before they go to Brownies. There is a waiting list.

SILEBY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD - CONTACTS - Mrs J. Morris (812461), Mrs S. Dexter (812973) or Mrs J. Price (813197)

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month at Sileby Community Centre at 7.30 pm. Speakers come to talk on all subjects, outings are arranged to the theatre, rambles, skittles, factory visits etc. and all ladies between 16 and 99 are most welcome.

SILEBY SCOUT GROUP - CONTACT - Mrs S.J. Wells, Group Scout Leader (812761)

All meetings take place at the Scout Headquarters on Brook Street.

Beaver Scouts - CONTACT - Mrs J. Holloway (813604) or Mrs S. Healy (814446)

This group for 6 to 8 year olds meets on Fridays from 6.15 pm to 7.15 pm.

Cub Scouts - for 8 to 10½ year olds.

Quebec Pack - CONTACT - Mrs C. Boyles (412019). This group meets on Wednesdays from 6.30 pm to 8 pm.

Brookside Pack - CONTACT - Mr M. Kitchen (812699). This group meets on Thursdays from 6.30 pm to 8 pm.

Scouts - for 10½ to 15½ year olds.

Hart Troop - CONTACT - Mrs C. Freeman (812031). This group meets on Thursdays from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm.

Rogers Troop - CONTACT - Mr W. Travers (813883). This group meets on Tuesdays from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

Venture Scouts - for those 16 years and over - CONTACT - Mr D. Philips (0533 374549). This group meets on Tuesdays from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

SILEBY TENNIS CLUB - CONTACT - Dave Thompson (812993)

The club welcomes members for summer tennis. You can play social tennis, team tennis and join in social events. The club is open to members, aged 11 upwards from Sileby and surrounding villages.

SILEBY BOWLING CLUB - CONTACT - Stan Thompson (816456)

The club welcomes new members, male and female, for indoor and outdoor bowls. Coaching given to new members. Competitions and social evenings.

SILEBY YOUTH CENTRE - CONTACT - Linda Plume (814020)

Members meet at the centre situated at the back of the King Street car park. It is open to all young people of Sileby. Activities include pool, darts, table tennis, video games, music, art and craft work etc. A variety of trips and competitions are organised throughout the year.

SILEBY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB - CONTACTS - Ann Bettles (813864)

Under 10's - Mr I. Summerfield (813235)

Under 11's - Mr D. Butler (814924)

Under 12's - Mr P. Glover (814570)

FRIENDS OF REDLANDS SCHOOL - CONTACTS - Peter Turner (813871) or Lorraine Muggleton (812946)

This group holds regular fund raising and social events in order to raise funds for the school. All parents, grandparents etc. are welcome at meetings and events.

ST MARYS LADIES FELLOWSHIP - CONTACT - Mrs Inis Proudlock (814629)
Weekly meetings at the Pochin hall on Tuesdays at 2.30 pm. New members are always welcome.

SILEBY CHARITIES WHIST DRIVES - CONTACT - Mrs Hunt or Mrs Knowles
Whist Drives are held in the Pochin Hall, Mountsorrel Lane every alternate Thursday at 2.30 pm (New Year started 13th January). Everyone is welcome. Our 1993 efforts enabled us to give a donation to both of Sileby's surgeries.

SILEBY BADMINTON CLUB - CONTACTS - Pat and Don Spencer (812112)
This group meets on Wednesday evenings from 8 pm to 11 pm in the sports hall at Sileby Community Centre. New members and visitors welcome.

SILEBY NURSERY PLAYGROUPS - CONTACTS - Mrs Pat Smart (0530 243604) or Mrs Marie Ward (813448).
The playgroups are held at Sileby Youth Centre, King Street car park. The morning sessions (9.15 am to 11.45 am) are for 2½ - 5 year olds. The afternoon sessions are educational play for children of 4 years and above. Come along and see us work and play.

Any other groups wishing to be included in the directory please get in touch with any of the editorial committee or leave details at Wright's Butchers, Sileby Library or Glenn Lewin's Butchers.

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As you may well be aware, the Rolls-Royce factory in Mountsorrel, will close at the end of the year, and with it the Sports and Social Club. One of the many groups under the Sports and Social Club umbrella is the Rolls Royce Model Railway Group, and as a consequence of the closure will also disappear from Mountsorrel.

Though I have never worked at Rolls-Royce Mountsorrel, it will still be a sad day for me when I leave the club room for the last time. I was accepted as a member in March 1986, became a Committee member in April 1987, and elected as Secretary in March 1989, a position I will hold until the end of 1994. As Secretary of the Rolls-Royce Model Railway Group, I organised 5 model railway exhibitions, and a much greater number of Swap meets. The swap meets in particular were an institution for many Model Railway Enthusiasts and Die-cast Toy Collectors. From near and far the 'Royces' Swap meets became renowned for its relaxed, friendly atmosphere and keen prices! Many were the friends made at these events over the years.

However, that is not the end of the story, for as a Group, we have decided to continue under a new name, appropriately under the circumstances as the "Ivanhoe Model Railway Society". We have already found alternative accommodation for our lay-out which is presently under construction, based on Loughborough Derby Road station as it was in the late 20's and 30's. There is still much we don't know, despite the best part of 4 years research! If you have any information, photo-graphs, recollections, etc., please contact me at the number below.

Also, as a Society we would like to resume the Swap meets, subject to us finding a suitable venue to hold them, for model shops are very thin on the ground in this area. For more information on the Ivanhoe Model Railway Society, contact me on Sileby 816781.

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MEMORIES OF D-DAY AND THOUGHTS OF AN OLD FRIEND, JESSIE

We met as school girls in Sileby, little knowing the way our paths would cross in the future years. We both became machinists at the Boot and Shoe factory in our flourishing village. War was declared, and as it spread local men were being called up. My two brothers were in the Army; one brother of Jessie's was in the Marines, and another in the Air Force.

The government had decided to register the women and after my being deferred for a year the familiar OHMS envelope arrived for me. I passed my medical A1, and not fancying munitions in some other town, I put down for the Forces hoping to make it to the WRENS.

Jessie and I both received our papers together, and at 12 noon on October 9th, we presented ourselves at Glen Parva Barracks. We had caught a train from Sileby to Leicester, had a quick look round Woolworths, and then by bus to the Barracks. I remember we were taken to a lunch of chips, fish and peas. After the usual medicals, injections and uniforms, we were taken to our billet - Hut 20 and double bunk beds. We decided to take alternative weeks on top bunk - but I always ended up on the top!

We transferred to Arbourfield after some weeks, and our 602 H.M.A.A. Bty was formed, then to Weybourne firing camp, then in December '42 to Belfast, Northern Ireland. Our final destination was Hayling Island, and our target German planes, with some success, for certain. We were training hard, we knew something was imminent, but not when.

On June 5th 1944 Jessie and I had evening leave, so as with most of the front line camps, we set off for the dance at Northey 3, a Naval base. As our bus turned the corner to the front the sight which met our eyes was something I shall never forget. Every inch of the sea was covered with small boats as far as the eye could see.

Together we said "it's started". Dance cancelled, troops despatched, tanks and lorries everywhere and back at barracks our orders sent Jessie as No 1 height finder and me to No 1 predictor operator. Our thoughts turned to all those we knew who were now involved. My husband (as he is now) with the 34th Amphibious Tank Regiment, Royal Marines, among them. It was quiet that night, none of the usual alarm bells urging us to pull battledress over our pyjamas and running, as we dressed, up to the command post.

We would watch, those nights, our planes heading for France with 5 or 6 gliders roped together and pulled by the planes. We cheered them on. On the fourth night we heard the motor-bike noise of the Doodle Bugs. We never knew how many we had destroyed, we only knew how tired we were, with little, or no sleep.

Jessie was posted to Kent, to Doodle Bug Alley, as it was known to us then. I was sent to Didcot, Royal Ordnance. I still meet our old A.T.S. friends from time to time, talking about our Ack-Ack days, about Jessie's friendliness with girls and gunners, her giggle and how when she was late we would take her mug of tea and bacon sandwich as we went on parade.

These memories are clear, as they are for the vast number of people who survived the last 50 years. Let us remember those who never got the chance.

May Beadsmoore (Ex Corporal 602 Bty)

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FRIENDS OF SWAN STREET (HIGHGATE) SURGERY

New Surgery

The new surgery has now been constructed. It will be ready for occupation in about 6-8 weeks. We expect to be able to start using the surgery from the beginning of September. The new name and address is Highgate Surgery, 5 Storer Close, Sileby, LE12 7UD. The telephone number remains the same at 0509 816364 (two lines).

Open Day

A series of events are being planned to celebrate the opening of the new premises including an open day so that patients can have a look round. Miss Grace Barber, Honorary Alderman will officially open the premises. Please watch out for further details.

Computers

The practice is very fortunate to be able to announce that it will be installing a GP computer system. Each doctor and nurse will have a terminal in their room. Repeat prescribing will be fully computerised which will make it much easier all round.

Surgery Waiting Times

Recently some of our patients have had to wait a long time at the surgery before they are seen. We apologise for this situation. We wish patients to know that we are aware of this problem and are currently doing an in-depth survey to monitor waiting times. We hope that this will lead to improvements. We are committed to provide a same day service for anyone who wishes to be seen. If you have any ideas on how to improve the situation then please do write to Myra Evans at the practice.

Osteoporosis Project

Thank you to all of you who took part in the initial project. The second part of the project is now being planned and those who took part will be invited again to attend. This is most important in order to obtain meaningful results, so we hope that all those invited will be able to attend. Contact Jean Devlin for further details.


Patients Charter

We hope to be able to produce a Patients Charter in the autumn with the direct involvement of the Friends group. Meetings will be held to discuss this so we hope as many as possible of you will be able to attend.

Open Evening

May 4th proved to be a very pleasant and relaxing evening at the surgery where Dr. Lakhani and his family along with members of the Committee of "Friends of the Surgery" met some of the registered patients of the practice. Discussions took place on various subjects and future open evenings will certainly take place where it is hoped more registered patients will make the effort to attend and express their views on any subject.

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Competition

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Autumn Fayre 29th October

A date to be reminded of. The Fayre will be held in the Community Centre 10 am - 12 noon and everyone is welcome. As always we will be grateful of any help from the patients and items will be needed for the numerous stalls. Please donate to staff at the surgery.

As there is a busy programme for the future opening of the new surgery it would be beneficial to us all if we could add more volunteers to our Group meetings. Are there any registered patients willing to join us and enjoy this new venture?

Hazel M. Trasler and Barbara Wickstead (Joint Secretaries)

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SILEBY ART AND CRAFT SOCIETY

Following the great success of Sileby's first ever Art and Craft exhibition, enough interest was raised to form an Art and Craft Society which will organise future events, including a Christmas Art and Craft Gift Sale and an Arts Trail, which are likely to take place in November. It

is hoped that there will be another exhibition of even more local art and craft in May 1995. As a result of friendships formed during the exhibition, an opportunity to get together to discuss each other's work and find mutual support and inspiration at regular meetings was seen. A number of people showed interest in a range of workshops we are planning to hold. These will include painting, egg decorating, fabric dyeing and cross stitch.

More people will be very welcome.

For more information contact: Lyn Armitage tel. 814768 or Terri Bradshaw tel. 816392.

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Cross Stitch

A BIG THANK YOU

In June of this year I had a raffle to help Children's Ward 27. The raffle was drawn at the Horse and Trumpet skittle alley on June 25th. The landlady let us have the skittle alley for the occasion where two groups played - "Manslorter" and "Stop Making Sense". Both groups played for no fee. There was a charge on the door of £1 to get in. The prize donations were given by Premier 1 Vodka, Bob at the Old Corner Shop, Robert Bancroft's Butchers, Studio 2 Hairdresser, Julie at Oasis, Forbuoys Papershop in the High Street, Garland Florists, Kish D.G. Stores, Mrs B. Day, Mary Tillson, Jackie Williamson (2 donations), Horse and Trumpet (2 donations), Sileby Chemist, Sileby Co-op, Ruth Rogers, and Mrs Barber, Woodcock Farm, Rothley.

I would like to thank all the shops, family and friends for the prizes. I would like to thank everyone who helped sell raffle tickets as if it wasn't for you it would not have been successful. Also my two special friends, Mary Tillson, who helped organise the raffle and Jackie Williamson, who did the posters and typing. Children's Ward 27 at LRI is for the very sick children. Back in January my son Jason had a 7 hour operation. The staff and nurses were wonderful. The money raised by the raffle was £675 which I will make up to £700 for toys, games and equipment to help those special children. Thanks again to everyone for all your support and to the shopkeepers of Sileby.

Carol Needham

TWINNING

For a period in excess of 35 years pupils from Humphrey Perkins school at Barrow have had a yearly exchange with pupils from Marans in France. Following an approach from the Mayor of Marans a group of interested people have decided to formalise the links with the French Town.

Recently a Twinning Association has been set up which will be known as "Barrow and District Twinning Association". The group hopes to maintain and extend the already strong links with Marans which exist through Humphrey Perkins' long standing association with the town.

The Twinning group are aware that many people from Sileby and other surrounding villages have had previous links or exchanges with children from Marans, and would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in becoming a member or who would like further details.

Kathryn Timmons (4, Beveridge Street, Barrow-on-Soar. Tel. 416168)

SILEBY MAP UPDATE

The Sileby Parish Map Project is now well underway but it still needs more people to get involved.

If you like the idea of doing some hands-on artwork, you can help to make the Parish Maps. The finished pieces will be large wall hangings depicting different aspects of Sileby's past and present, using painting, printing, textile collage, photography, newspaper cuttings, personal memories and anything else we can think of.

And if you are not interested in making maps, then you can get involved simply by sharing your views and memories of life in Sileby. The luncheon club at the community centre house have put their shared memories down on tape; everything from school, to the Sileby Gala, and starting work in factories. Other individuals have come forward with old maps and information about ancient Sileby.

A local youth club have produced their own map of Sileby representing the places they go to and what they like and dislike about the village. This project is not just about Sileby's history.

If you want to know more about this project get in touch as soon as possible. Contact Tracy Roberts at:-

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METHODIST CHURCH LADIES CIRCLE

I would like to thank all concerned for letting us advertise the Ladies Circle Flower Festival. We had a very good weekend, with help from our friends and the support of the lots of visitors. Our church benefited by the sum of £1675.00, and three charities received cheques for £50 each. So through the Stockade I would like thank everyone who helped once more to make our effort such a wonderful success. We recommence our meetings after the holiday break on Monday at 7.30pm when our speaker will be our minister the Rev. Carole Holden. Women of all ages are welcome.

Dorothy Harrison

SILEBY ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE FOOTBALL TEAM 1948-1949

Thanks to Ken Lacey for supplying this interesting photo. Ken has supplied the names as follows, from left to right:

Back Row

Jack Lee (former Leicester, Derby and England international), Terry Beecham, Ken Barker, Ernie Harris, Doug Kirk, Gordon Lovett

Front Row

Ray Stafford, Ralph Lockwood, Bill Lee, Ken Lacey, Jack Sutton, Jake Nooney



INFORMATION FROM SILEBY COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT

Dates for your diary (all meetings held at Sileby Community Centre House).

Leicester Outwork Campaign Meetings - 10 am until 12 noon - will be held on:-
Tuesday 6th September, Tuesday 4th October, Tuesday 1st November, Tuesday 6th December.

Lunch Club - Meets every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) from 12.30 pm until 3 pm.
Please note - the Lunch Club meets in the Centre House and not in the larger room as stated in the last edition of The Stockade.

Agoraphobia & Panic Attack Group meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons from 2 pm to 3 pm.
Starting on 5th September then 19th September, 3rd, 17th and 31st October, 14th and 28th of November. There are also occasional evening meetings. For details please phone June on 813129.

Lone Parents Support Group - This group meets every Thursday afternoon from 1 pm until 3 pm. New members would be very welcome. You don't need to have problems to join this group but if you have, you may find help and support with this group.

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Whether you fancy an occasional walk, swimming,

cycling or perhaps a little dancing, or you have any suggestions, please contact Giles or Caroline on 815288.

SILEBY TOWN F.C. FUN DAY

On 29th and 30th July Sileby Town F.C. held their Fun Night and Fun Day which was the first of several fund raising events planned for the coming year to raise money for the move to their proposed new ground.

At the fun night there was a veterans match and the first rounds of the six-a-side tournament. On the Fun Day itself there was a hockey match (won by Sileby ladies), a tug-o-war competition and the finals of the six-a-side tournament (won by the White Swan). It was a wonderfully hot and sunny Saturday and the attendance was above expectations. Many people found refuge from the blazing sun in the shade of the Beer Tent and Tea Tent with the barbecue being busy all day (many thanks to Mick Reynolds and his helpers who had the hottest job of the day). There were many games and stalls with fairground rides for the children.

All in all it was a very successful weekend. The small committee and their helpers made a tremendous effort. A special thanks here must go to Chairman, Phil Williamson who using his lorry did all the heavy fetching and carrying of tables and equipment both before and after a very tiring day. A substantial amount was raised.

Many thanks to all who attended and supported our event. We hope to see you all again soon when Sileby Town's new season begins.

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SILEBY PARADE AND GALA

This year's Gala was once again held at Redlands school and was a resounding success. The weather was beautiful and, perhaps because of this, attendance was higher than it had been for many years.

The parade was led by the Mayor of Charnwood's official car followed by the City of Leicester Pipe Band. Behind these was the float carrying the Gala Princesses and, for the first time a Gala Prince. The children were Leanne Carrol (Sileby Redlands School), Claire Gleadell (Cossington School), Natalie Tams (Seagrave School) and Michael Ratcliffe (Sileby Heathcote School).

There were several other floats and groups, with a good many children in fancy dress also taking part in the parade. The Badgers marched along too, looking very smart in their uniforms. The Barleycroft Twirlers were towards the rear of the Parade and added a splash of colour in their scarlet outfits.

When the parade returned to the school field the Gala was officially opened and things got under way. The City Of Leicester Pipe Band began the first of their performances and the stalls, games, rides etc were busy all afternoon.

Our thanks go to Mr Naphine who 'compered' the afternoon splendidly, informing everyone of the events taking place, re-uniting lost children with frantic parents and even keeping fans up-to-date with the latest cricket scores!

Several village organisations had supplied helpers to man stalls, prepare and sell refreshments, collect entrance fees etc - Our thanks to all these people and to the individuals, shops, pubs and factories who donated things for stalls or as prizes. These were much appreciated. Unlike neighbouring village events, Sileby Gala has no sponsors and relies on the generosity of these people.

A special thanks must go to District Midwife Sheila Smith who despite having a minor operation the day before, stepped in with her 'press-ganged' colleague Liz Laurance at the last minute to co-judge the Baby show; it could not have gone ahead without them.

One incident did mar an otherwise splendid day when a PE store was broken into and items of equipment stolen. Police were called and they are investigating. Gala equipment had also been stolen in a separate incident the night before at a separate location.

Back on a brighter note, here are the results of the day's competitions:

Fancy dress (under sevens)	1st Clare Barrett (Flintstone kid)
	2nd Robert Butler (Dustman)
	3rd Thomas McGeown (Handsome Devil)
Fancy dress (under tens)	1st Amy Carvill (Chimney Sweep)
	2nd Zoe Wilkes (Angel)
	3rd Harriet Smith (The Beast)
Fancy dress (under fifteens)	1st Stacey Shepherdson (The Witch & Her Cat)
	2nd Trudy Motyl (Minnie Mouse)
	3rd Samuel Baker (Superman)
Fancy dress (adults)	1st Mandy & Jan (Double Trouble)

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| Fancy dress (pairs) | 1st Thomas Hoyes & Rachael Reynolds (Fred & Wilma Flintstone) |
| | 2nd Stephanie & Joanne Barker (Fairies at the bottom of the garden) |
| Fancy dress (group) | 1st Messrs Lee (Invisible Man) |
| | 2nd Vicki, Robert, Toni, Emma & Marie (Four weddings and a funeral) |
| Floats | 1st Sileby Nursery Playgroup (Pirates Galore) |
| | 2nd Cherryl & Liz (Sleeping Beauty) |
| Baby Show (0-6 months) | 1st Jason Lee Smith |
| | 2nd Dean Copson |
| | 3rd Jessica Swan |
| Baby Show (6-12 months) | 1st Rebecca Clarke |
| | 2nd Sian Lucy O'Leary |
| | 3rd Naomi Pendery |
| Baby Show (12-18 months) | 1st Luke Thomas Elson |
| | 2nd Daniel Bernison |
| | 3rd Thomas McGeown |
| Baby Show (overall winner) | Jack Swift |

Once again many thanks to everyone involved in the parade and gala and to everyone who attended. See you all again next year.



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The Income Tax was used by the Parish for poor relief, but the revenue collected by the Surveyors of the Highways through the annual letting of the grass verges for grazing was used as a most gruesome reward to the local farmers. The farmers sowed seed by hand, broadcasting it over their fields. This attracted sparrows which the farmers were encouraged to kill and then rewarded with a payment of one old half-penny for each sparrow's head.

The Charities formerly administered by the Vicar and Churchwardens, (except the Staveley which was purely a Church Charity) were also handed over to the new Parish Council for them to administer. The population of Sileby in 1891 census was 2,380, with 9 men as parish officers.

(information supplied by J.H. Whittington)

Sileby in Bloom

*What a laugh you might say,
But just look around you,
It's not all doom and gloom.*

*The park is well kept,
The grass nice and green.
It's good for walkies, ask the dogs,
Say it's useful not inept.*

*The station is open,
All new and clean.
It's just like the old days,
King street is busy again.*

*We have a new post office,
That can't be bad.
We can get our stamps and pensions,
With plenty of space, so that's nice.*

*There's plenty of entertainment and sport,
For everyone young or old.
Football, cricket, bowls and tennis, badminton,
Karate, whist and bingo, how's that for a start?*

*There are places for refreshment,
Pubs and clubs in every street,
Cafe and restaurant quite cosy,
and coffee here on Thursdays is a popular event.*

*Those who wish to come to worship,
Lovely churches here abound,
Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and Roman Catholic,
All make you very welcome when inside you slip.*

*Why not shop in Sileby and save on bus fare.
There are grocers and butchers and bakers,
Fruit and veg and fish and chips, things for pets and household chores,
Papers to read and clothes to wear.*

*So forget about the doom and gloom,
Be proud of the things you have.
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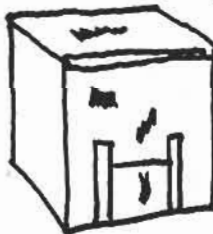
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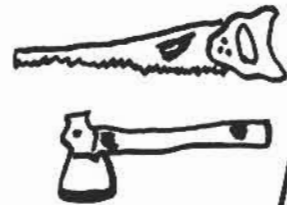
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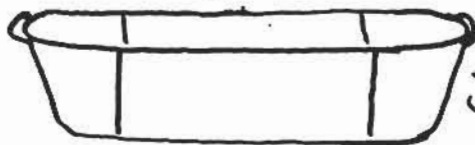


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