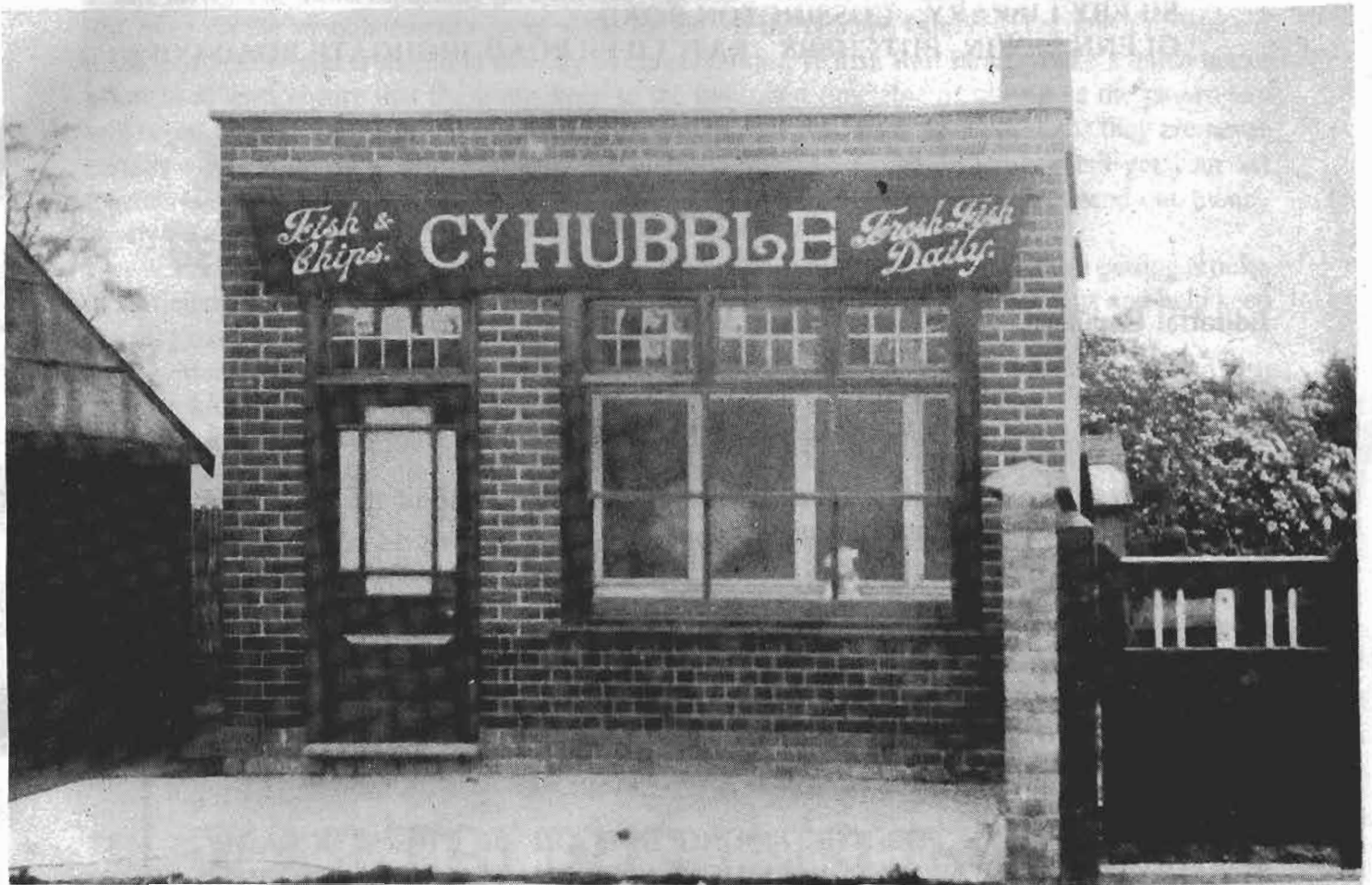


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We would like to thank Glenn Lewin for supplying the cover for this 15th edition of the Stockade. The photograph shows his butchers shop as it was when it was being run as a fish & chip shop.

Please can we have any contributions for the 16th, Spring 1995, edition of the Stockade with us by 31st January (earlier if possible).

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We would like to thank everyone for their help in producing this community magazine, to all the contributors, distributors, advertisers and those of you who have worked very hard in typing in and proof reading. Everyone's work is greatly appreciated.

THE STOCKADE COMMITTEE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE SPRING EDITION OF THE STOCKADE IS 31ST JANUARY - BUT IT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED IF YOU COULD HAND ARTICLES IN WELL BEFORE THIS DATE - THANKS.

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EDITORIAL.

In the first edition of THE STOCKADE we started an article entitled 'The Village Gripe' with the hope that the residents of the village would take the opportunity of airing their particular grievance concerning the village. However this has not happened and the articles have fallen by the wayside. We are aware that many people do not wish to see the village put down in this way but as this is probably the only way that people can put forward their ideas, suggestions or even get things off their chest, it seems such a pity that this item has been allowed to die. Perhaps the village is perfect with it's new railway station, empty shops, vandalism and even dare we say it crime.

Speaking of the Railway in the guise of The Ivanhoe line. There have been several incidents of late arrivals of trains especially on a Monday morning with no explanation being given by British Rail even via the announcement system at the station. If the Ivanhoe Line is to become a permanent feature of Sileby (and it should in this day of conservation), British Rail should make a much better effort to at least ensure that the trains keep to the published timetable or otherwise the passengers will revert back to the buses. We are already seeing people drift back to the buses as they are never certain whether the train will even arrive at platform 1 or 2. Come on British Rail get your act together and as the county council are subsidising it's construction and running, spend our money wisely.

Enough of this criticism. As you can see by the size of this edition we are still getting articles in sufficient numbers, so once again our thanks to all those people who send us items and help keep the magazine going.

Many thanks go to our new found helpers who input the articles, proof read them and also to those kind souls who in all weathers every three months deliver the Stockade.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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I know that the election for Parish Councillors is some time away, in fact May 1995, but it is never too early to think about it. Now is the time for you to consider whether you ought to stand for the Council.

The present Council consists of fifteen members, eight from Saint Mary's ward and seven from Saint Gregory's. The boundary being Sibley Brook. The Parish Church being Saint Marys with the Catholic Church, Saint Gregorys.

How many times in the last 4 years have you been opposed to the Parish Council proposals or for that matter attended a public meeting let alone monthly Parish Council meetings? I am aware that many of you do not think that the Parish Council has much power. However it has a budget of approximately £40,000 to spend on the village, to improve the services or to maintain the existing ones. This is a lot of your money. Don't you think that you ought to take an interest in how it is spent by becoming a Parish Councillor?

The amount of work involved in being a councillor is up to the individual. Provided that they attend for at least one Parish Council meeting in any six month period then they remain as a councillor. These meetings occur monthly eleven times a year (not in July), on the third Thursday in the month and usually last from 7.30 p.m. until, at the outside, 11.00 p.m. However there are the following committees and Councillors are expected to join one or two of these:-

- A) Parks Committee)
- B) General Purposes) meeting approximately every month.
- C) Planning)
- D) Community Centre)
- D) Policy Committee - Comprises of Chairman of the Parish Council and committee Chairmen and meet as necessary.

In addition to these, there are various meetings outside Sibley Parish Council such as the Police Committee, The Slash Lane Committee, Association of Parish Councils to name a few.

So come on all you 'villagers' give the Parish Council elections some serious thought and stand for the unenviable task of being a Parish Councillor.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SILEBY DURING THE WINTER

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 Spring edition will be delivered at the beginning of March. As you can see, diary items are quite sparse for this edition - sorry but we've not heard from anyone except Sileby Townswomen's Guild.

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER Sileby 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 meet 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 meet at the 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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Meetings are held on Sunday mornings, 10.30 to 11.45am. All ages welcome. Christian learning, singing, action, fun in groups and much more.

GISMOS (Affiliated to S.M.J.C) - CONTACT - Julie Carroll (814400)
Meets Friday evenings, 7.00 to 8.30pm in summer and 6.30 to 8pm in winter, in the Methodist Church Hall (Swan Street entrance). THE club for young people aged 9 and over - Sport, Craft, Games, Parties, Snooker, Table-tennis and much more, and - of course - THE TUCK SHOP!
Weekly subs - 35p.

ST MARY'S CHURCHMEN IN THE MIDLANDS - CONTACT - Mr F Baldwin (816213)
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 - 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 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).

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 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 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 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 to 8 pm.

Brookside Pack - CONTACT - Mr M Kitchen (812699). This group meets on Thursdays from 6.30 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 to 9.45 pm.

Rogers Troop - CONTACT - Mr W Travers (813883). This group meets on Tuesdays from 7.30 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 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 BADMINTON CLUB - CONTACTS - Pat and Don Spencer (812112)

This group meets on Wednesday evenings from 8 to 11 pm in the sports hall at Sileby Community Centre. New members and visitors welcome.

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 MARY'S LADIES FELLOWSHIP - CONTACT - 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 starts 13th January). Everyone is welcome. Our 1993 efforts enabled us to give a donation to both of Sileby's surgeries.

SILEBY NURSERY PLAYGROUPS - CONTACTS - Pat Smart (0530 243604) or Marie Ward (813448).

The playgroups are held at Sileby Youth Centre, King Street car park. The morning sessions (9.15 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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You appear to be getting clever at these Stockade quizzes - we had sixteen correct entries for the last edition. Unfortunately, we could not award everyone prizes so we drew three winners out. Each has received £5 from the Stockade;-

MR ROBIN THOMPSON, Seagrave Road
MRS MARIAN TAYLOR, St Gregory's Drive
MRS EFFIE WALTERS, Peashill Close

Thank-you to everyone who sent in their answers and to Marjorie Turner for setting the quiz. She has supplied us with the answers as shown below.

STOCKADE QUIZ - NUMBER 14 - ANSWERS

- | | | | |
|----|-------------------------------|----|--------------|
| 1 | HASTINGS | 35 | HOLYHEAD |
| 2 | KIDDERMINSTER | 36 | ANSTRUTHER |
| 3 | ROCHESTER | 37 | SALISBURY |
| 4 | DARLINGTON | 38 | ROCHDALE |
| 5 | LIVERPOOL | 39 | FORT WILLIAM |
| 6 | LEATHERHEAD | 40 | HUNSTANTON |
| 7 | HIGH WYCOMBE | | |
| 8 | AYLESBURY | | |
| 9 | UTTOXETER | | |
| 10 | WEST KIRKBY (should be KIRBY) | | |
| 11 | TELFORD | | |
| 12 | GOSFORTH | | |
| 13 | NEWTON ABBOT | | |
| 14 | GREAT YARMOUTH | | |
| 15 | BERWICK UPON TWEED | | |
| 16 | PENRITH | | |
| 17 | COVENTRY | | |
| 18 | BARNSTAPLE | | |
| 19 | DUMFRIES | | |
| 20 | SUNDERLAND | | |
| 21 | DUNFERMLINE | | |
| 22 | ABERAVON | | |
| 23 | TAUNTON | | |
| 24 | LICHFIELD | | |
| 25 | STAFFORD | | |
| 26 | READING | | |
| 27 | WIGAN | | |
| 28 | WIDNES | | |
| 29 | BURY ST EDMUNDS | | |
| 30 | WELLINGTON | | |
| 31 | HELENSBURGH | | |
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| 33 | DALKEITH | | |
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We've included two quizzes in this edition of the Stockade. Please hand in your combined 80 answers to Wright's Butchers by Monday 16th January. The Seasonal Roundabout has been supplied by Marjorie and we would also like to thank Tony Harriman for supplying us with the Leicestershire anagram quiz.

SEASONAL ROUNDABOUT

In this quiz we have taken things associated with the Christmas period, removed the vowels and mixed the consonants 'roundabout'.

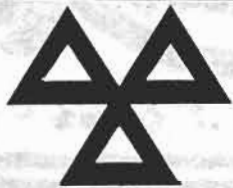
e.g. D T L Y = YULETIDE

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|----|-----------|----|---------------|
| 1 | LNST | 19 | HHLTMB |
| 2 | CMPSN | 20 | SSCCRRMTHD |
| 3 | KTYR | 21 | GFTSNF |
| 4 | TTYVN | 22 | DPPMLGND |
| 5 | SRCTND | 23 | LLLNSBJG |
| 6 | RMGN | 24 | YHMGN |
| 7 | DBYGNX | 25 | SSSHMTTGRNKCC |
| 8 | SSTPNK | 26 | LWSS |
| 9 | TTL SM | 27 | HHTTTLNGWF |
| 10 | DNRR | 28 | RSTHPP |
| 11 | WLM LND | 29 | KRRCCS |
| 12 | BNR | 30 | TTSSRRHMC |
| 13 | YNMLTCCH | 31 | HSDSMMTNG |
| 14 | RLSC | 32 | SSQPHNC |
| 15 | WNNMS | 33 | YFR |
| 16 | LCTNSS | 34 | MPTMN |
| 17 | KHTSSMCCR | 35 | BDFJLMMNS |
| 18 | NNRGT | 36 | SSSSRRPLTB |

You will find the answers to this second part of the quiz will be more 'At Home' - these anagrams can all be found in Leicestershire.

1. LOVE LILAC
2. LOTS MORE RUN
3. SCORN POT
4. BOLD LADY
5. WORKERS BATH TOM
6. TROUT N MASH
7. GRAB PAT DRAKE
8. TOE CAPS
9. MR LARY POLKA
10. BISLEY
11. HE SORT HELP
12. BRING UP HORNETT
13. WINPAL
14. PAT COOK
15. RUB TONY OVER
16. BARKBY APE
17. SCINT GOONS
18. FRONT WINDOW LEN
19. RUTHS TALON
20. EVER A GAS
21. BLOW DON DENVER
22. RUB SOME THEN
23. THIN GONK
24. VISA ERROR
25. UNBLAST RAZOR
26. SEND HIS WINE
27. BEER NO LAST
28. NOW A POOR BURSAR
29. BLEACH LION
30. SAGO SETTE CO
31. HALF ROTTEN HOLD
32. CATS RUN HOT
33. STAR BILL
34. STOUT SHOWING
35. SIT ON WELL
36. GLAD EAR
37. SILKY BRABLER
38. RAINS TO HELL
39. TOM GRINS
40. WILTSHIRE SAND ROVER

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We hope to have an Open Meeting so that Carers can meet and get to know each other so watch out for the publicity.

Remember Carers are people with their own rights and needs. We will be working with the Social Services Carers Support Unit and would like to know what your needs are. If you would like to know more, phone the Sileby Community Health Project on **815288**



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SILEBY VIKINGS BASEBALL

We have now reached the end of our third season. We have done very well by getting 2 of our juniors in the England squad for next season (95). This involves travel abroad to places such as Italy, Holland etc. They were selected from different venues all over the country, then finally chosen. They had a week training at a top American College at Bushey near Watford.

Any enquiries as regards to Juniors (9 - 16 years) and also Seniors for next season, please ring the number below.

We are still on the look out for a sponsor or sponsors to buy bats, balls, gloves etc.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped and made donations to us. Many thanks

Richard & Gus (816198)

We would like to thank Fig Smith for providing us with another Christmas carol which he has written.

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Listen For The Sleigh Bells

Chorus

Listen for the sleigh bells in the snow
 Rudolph the reindeer is ready to go
 over the roof tops
 Christmas presents for all of us
 Children sing a carol at your door
 "Way in a manger" and one or two more
 not very tuneful
 Give them six-pence and they'll go
 Snowy white flakes come floating down
 everywhere is white all over
 Bright green holly with berries so red
 Stockings to hang at the end of the bed
 Christmas only comes but once a year
 Now it's December and it's very very near
 Hooray for Christmas lovely Christmas
 Happy Christmas for us all

Verse

January, February, March and April
 May and June are just a memory
 July, August and September come October
 Then November, Month by Month they pass away
 Snow and rain, depression over iceland and the Faroes
 They are with us once again
 Please remember it's December
 Cold December, wet Decvember,
 Christmas can't be farv away, so (to Chorus)

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"Arts Alive" and kicking in Sileby

Everyone talked about the great wealth of talent there must be lurking in this area. This proved to be so when with the co-ordinating skills of the **Sileby Community Health Project**, the *Sileby Art & Craft Society* was formed.

Enough of these talented people emerged from the shadows to stage the Society's first exhibition last May. The show which surprised the multitudes of visitors by the standard of work, managed to inspire some of them and there were workshops set up to give people the chance to further their own interests or perhaps to pursue a lifelong dream. The workshops offer hands on experience and some expert guidance in a chosen field. At this very moment there are people joyously transforming the remains of their breakfast into dazzling Christmas tree ornaments, who last year were complete strangers to the art of jewelled eggs.

To prove that "Arts Alive" is still very kicking, this first venture has been followed up by a Christmas Sale of work on the 12th & 13th November at the Village Institute. The aim is to provide people with some very original solutions to their Christmas shopping problems; and all in a local environment.

In **May 1995** we hope to shine another light in the form of our next exhibition and hopefully expose even more of our local talent, proving once again that there is much for this village to be proud of.

If you have a talent that you should be proud of then come into the light and show it off. Anyone wanting more information on the *Sileby Art and Craft Society* exhibitions or workshops can contact the **Sileby Community Health Project** on 815288 or **Terri Bradshaw** on 816932.

Charnwood Borough Council are taking positive action against the activity of 'fly-posting' and are considering prosecuting some offenders in the Loughborough area. Our own Parish Council feel fly-posting needs to be controlled (see previous editions of the Stockade), and ask all the voluntary groups in the village to remove all evidence of their posters as soon as the event in question is over. Dave Skinner, Chairman of the Sileby Gala Committee, puts his view to the debate. Let us know if you have any strong feelings or any alternative suggestions.



Dear Editor

I would like to make some comments with regard to the Charnwood Borough Council's comments on flyposting.

I have been chairman of one of the organisations in the village for many years. Flyposting has often provided a reasonably cheap and effective form of advertising for a charitable organisation. Other forms of advertising such as in the local papers are costly and therefore cut down on the amount to be raised for charity.



I would suggest that the main reason that the Planning Department is taking up the issue of flyposting is that with the severe recession in the building industry they have little better to do with their time. The Planning Department employs the same amount of people now as in the boom time of the 1980's even though there is now only approximately 50% of the work load.

Organisations such as the National House Builders Council have reduced their staff by approximately 50%. I suggest that the Council should do the same. This might also mean that the cost of Planning fees, which have risen by 10-15% (far above the rate of inflation), could be reduced. When challenged by The Federation of Master Builders, the Government stated that they had to recover 100% of the costs involved but surely if they were not so overstaffed these costs would be reduced.



I would also point out that the Charnwood Borough Council are themselves the biggest culprits of flyposting in putting up notices of Planning Applications and Road Closures and never bothering to remove the notices afterwards.

Yours faithfully,

D W Skinner

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This Scheme has been set up in order to enable people to introduce more gentle, physical activity into their lives. Primarily, this simply means walking.

Informal groups of around 10 - 15 people would be ideal - it would be a good chance to meet and make new friends.

Hourly sessions will take place once a week. Particular attention will be paid to any fears people may have about increasing the amount of physical activity that they do.

There will also be time to go for a short walk, just to show how easy it can be to gain the benefits of gentle exercise.

We are interested in hearing from anyone who has any questions or suggestions connected with any physical activity groups. Please call **Giles** or **Caroline** on the number above.

We are also looking for a **SPONSOR** for our physical activity programme; bearing in mind that Loughborough University are regarding this scheme as a pilot for future, similar ventures.



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CARERS' SUPPORT GROUP - the Project is compiling a mailing list for people who care for someone whether it be a relative, friend or a neighbour. **FREE** information and support can be provided for carers. Questionnaires can be found in the Doctors' surgeries, the library and the Post Office.

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BEST FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

Since the very successful competition this year, the committee are now looking forward to 1995. It is intended to continue the competition and we are looking for a company who are willing to donate awards and assist in judging the competition.

Mr Jim McIntosh has offered to assist again if required in 1995. It is hoped that the entries in 1995 will be even higher and more 'Improved FRONT GARDENS' will appear on the scene to help the Council to improve the appearance of YOUR VILLAGE, especially in the "Best Kept Village" Competition."

We did get beyond the 1st Round this year, so let's see if we can do better in '95 and be the winners.

100th ANNIVERSARY OF PARISH COUNCILS.

By the time you receive this magazine, the Celebration Day will be past. At the time of writing all efforts are being made to put on a very interesting display of Photographs and Copies of the Council Minutes written over the last 100 years.

There have been many improvements to our village over the past 100 years. Some may say not enough (but that is a matter of opinion).

It is hoped that more improvements will result over the next 100 years. The Council would like to thank everyone who helped with the Exhibition in supplying photographs etc, showing the slides, (Sileby Photographic Society) and all who helped on the day, and to everyone who visited the Exhibition. The list is too long to give all the names so MANY THANKS to all.

A copy of the "FIRST SET OF MINUTES IN 1894" and the results of the "FIRST PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS" held in January 1895 are included in this issue of the "STOCKADE"

FLYPOSTING

Since the last report on this subject, a lot of interest has been shown within the Soar Valley Villages and the Borough of Charnwood, and it would "appear" that there is some improvement at the moment. But please remember to remove all your 'CHRISTMAS EVENTS' posters as soon as possible after the event has finished. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Again another past event. Many thanks to all who supported the Rainbows Appeal (The Chairman's Charity for 1994). We hope you enjoyed the occasion.



The following is a copy of the "FIRST MINUTES OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL"
 The Council was formed on the 4th of December 1894. Prior to this date the Parish Church looked after the various duties of the village regarding the "Charities, Burials etc". Their meeting was termed "The Vestry Meeting" and was held in the Parish Church Sileby. It adjourned to the National School, which is now the "Old School Restaurant" on Barrow Road.

*Notice of Parish Meeting
 Parish of Sileby*

Notice is hereby given

That the first Parish Meeting for the above named Parish will be held at the National School on Tuesday the fourth day of December 1894 at 7.30 o'clock in the evening.

The business to be transacted at the meeting will be as follows:-

a) To elect a Chairman for the Meeting

b) To elect Parish Councillors

Signed - November 24th 1894 - Samuel Calladine, Overseer. In accordance with the above notice the above meeting was held.

- 1. Proposed by Rev J Beal Sec by Mr H Smith that George Martin be elected Chairman. Carried.*
- 2. The following persons were duly proposed and seconded (The nom forms being declared valid) as Candidates to serve on the Parish Council, the number of votes which, on being put to the meeting, each received also attached.*

	<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Prop</i>	<i>Sec</i>	<i>Votes</i>
1	<i>Andrews George</i>	<i>A Gamble</i>	<i>R Keeling</i>	<i>71 *</i>
2	<i>Barber William</i>	<i>J Hall</i>	<i>J Simons</i>	<i>12</i>
3	<i>Barber Samuel</i>	<i>F T Shute</i>	<i>J Berington</i>	<i>6</i>
4	<i>Berington Jennings</i>	<i>A Widowson</i>	<i>J T Middleton</i>	<i>11</i>
5	<i>Bradshaw J H</i>	<i>A Porter</i>	<i>H Neal</i>	<i>21</i>
6	<i>Dakin R W</i>	<i>W J Porter</i>	<i>T Dakin</i>	<i>19</i>
7	<i>Davis Rev T J</i>	<i>S Oswin</i>	<i>J Kidger</i>	<i>20</i>
8	<i>Francis W A</i>	<i>G Heaton</i>	<i>J Hetterly</i>	<i>83 *</i>
9	<i>Freer Ed</i>	<i>J H Palmer</i>	<i>S Underwood</i>	<i>75 *</i>
10	<i>Freer J</i>	<i>J Hetterly</i>	<i>W A Francis</i>	<i>35</i>
11	<i>Furniss J S</i>	<i>W Allen</i>	<i>J Bumpus</i>	<i>48 *</i>
12	<i>Hall J</i>	<i>W Barber</i>	<i>S Widdowson</i>	<i>24</i>
13	<i>Harrison W</i>	<i>A Porter</i>	<i>R Lacey</i>	<i>13</i>
14	<i>Hull M</i>	<i>W B Garvin</i>	<i>G Haynes</i>	<i>18</i>
15	<i>Hutchinson J</i>	<i>R Keeling</i>	<i>H Hetterley</i>	<i>82 *</i>
16	<i>Inglesant J</i>	<i>S Oswin</i>	<i>W Fisher</i>	<i>10</i>
17	<i>Keeling R</i>	<i>W A Francis</i>	<i>G Heaton</i>	<i>73 *</i>
18	<i>Lacey R</i>	<i>F Sharpe</i>	<i>J T Middleton</i>	<i>21</i>
19	<i>Lovett H</i>	<i>H Martin</i>	<i>R W Dakin</i>	<i>16</i>
20	<i>Maples W</i>	<i>J H Bradshaw</i>	<i>F Sharp</i>	<i>12</i>
21	<i>Martin Ed</i>	<i>H Hetterly</i>	<i>S Underwood</i>	<i>69 *</i>
22	<i>Palmer J H</i>	<i>W A Francis</i>	<i>A Gamble</i>	<i>68 *</i>
23	<i>Shute F T</i>	<i>W B Garvin</i>	<i>J Green</i>	<i>2</i>
24	<i>Walker A</i>	<i>B Kirkby</i>	<i>J Kidger</i>	<i>0</i>
25	<i>Ward A</i>	<i>G Perkins</i>	<i>A Whittington</i>	<i>11</i>
26	<i>Whait Ed</i>	<i>J H Bradshaw</i>	<i>J Wylde</i>	<i>16</i>
27	<i>Wright W T</i>	<i>J Beal</i>	<i>G Heaton</i>	<i>54 *</i>

3. Candidate "William Preston" withdrew his candidature before the votes were taken.
4. Subject to a poll being demanded the following Candidates were declared elected as having received the highest number of votes.

Andrews G	71	W A Francis	83
Freer	75	J Furniss	48
J Hutchinson	82	R Keeling	73
T Martin	69	J H Palmer	68
W T Wright	54		

5. Mr F T Shute having demanded a poll & such demand not being withdrawn during the prescribed 10 minutes, the demand was allowed & poll declared should be taken accordingly, subject to Rule 24.

A Hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

Signed
George Heaton (Chairman of Meeting) Dec 4 1894.



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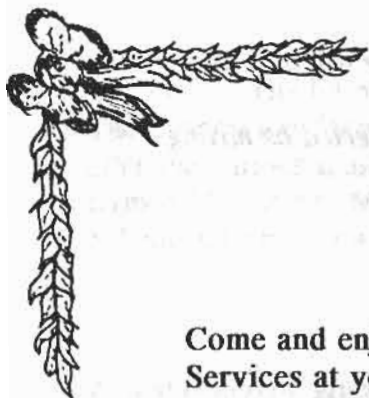
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Christmas Day	9.30 am	FAMILY COMMUNION

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	11.30 pm	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
Christmas Day	10.30 am	FAMILY COMMUNION



JUBILEE AVENUE CHRISTMAS PARTY

This is a photograph of the Jubilee Avenue residents. At the Queen's Coronation in 1953 we had a street party. We all contributed some food and everyone enjoyed it so much that when Christmas came we arranged a similar party at the Unity hall. Nobody was very well off in those days but we got our pleasure from simple things and everyone was so friendly.

Wilf Beadsmore was 'Santa Claus' as Wilf and May had no children at the time.

The names of the twenty-one families are as follows:- Beaver, Lewin, White, Jelly, Heap, Green, Allen, Haines, Bonshor, Simmons, Yates, Piggins, Butler, Beadsmore, Dennis, Proud, Bates, Rae, McKay, Hudson and Turnbull.

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Vera Walters (formerly Simmons)



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CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

*Yes, I well remember waiting,
For Santa, in the night.
Things were never plentiful,
We had no "Fairy Lights".
An orange, and an apple,
Maybe, a nut or two,
And then perhaps, one present,
To make our dreams come true.*



*No turkey, on the table,
Perhaps, a Christmas "Pud",
But yet, the day was Happy,
And made us all feel good.
At 3 o'clock, on the radio,
We'd all listen to the King,
We'd all sit and read a while,
Then carols we would sing.*



*Christmas's, in wartime,
Were never very much,
I don't think people nowadays,
Enjoy that magic touch.
Old traditions, they die hard,
We try to keep them going,
So, switch off the TV and radio,
And keep the laughter showing.*

*So, lets keep the Christmas Spirit,
In the good old fashioned way,
May Love, and Life and Happiness,
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HOLLY AND IVY

Ivy was a little girl who lived in an orphanage. She had no father or mother, but she had a lovely granny with whom she normally lived, but her granny had been ill for 6 months now, and that was why Ivy was at the "home". She wasn't unhappy, they looked after her very well; but now it was nearly Christmas, and it looked as if she would have to stay here. That was making her sad because she had always loved Christmas with her granny. Most of the other children had already gone to relatives, and by Christmas Eve Ivy was the only little girl left.

At lunch time on Christmas Eve, Ivy was so unhappy she decided to go to her granny's. The sisters at the home said she musn't go, but Ivy was determined. She emptied her money box, put one or two things in a little case and set off. The first part of her journey was by bus to a market town not far away, and from there she would take another bus to where her granny lived. When she arrived at the market town it was a bit later than she had expected, and it was already getting dark. She wandered round the market, the stalls were all closing for Christmas. She felt hungry and bought herself an apple. She felt very tired and sat down in a doorway and went fast asleep.

Now there was a very much loved Policeman called Mr Happyfeet who was on duty that night, and as he walked round the market he spotted Ivy fast asleep. "Well, well, my dear what have we here". Ivy opened her eyes and saw the kindly face of Mr Happyfeet. Ivy told him where she was going but he told her there were no more buses because it was Christmas Eve, and she had better go home with him. Mrs Happyfeet was a rosy cheeked smiling woman, but she had one great sorrow, she had no children. She was delighted to see Ivy. "You must stay here for Christmas my dear" she said. We have a lovely little room that you can have. Ivy was so tired and happy and fell asleep straight away.

Downstairs Mrs Happyfeet was not quite so happy. "Oh dear" she said to her husband, we have no present for Ivy tomorrow, "What shall we do?" "I have an idea" said Mr Happyfeet. He put on his warm coat and went out to a toy shop that was owned by a friend of his, Mr Joyful. Now Mr Joyful had closed his shop at 7 pm. He thought "That's it, no-one will buy any more toys now, they have all been bought and wrapped ready for Christmas morning". Down in the basement of the shop where all the toys were put to wait for next year, there was one doll called Holly who no-one had bought. She had a green dress and a red ribbon in her hair, but no-one had chosen her. All the other dolls were dressed in white with a golden headdress and pretty silver shoes and golden hair. Now she would have to go down into the basement, and there would be that horrid old bear, that no-one wanted, who stared at her all the time, and frightened her.

Suddenly Mr Joyful heard a rattling at the door, and there was his old friend Mr Happyfeet. "Please let me in" he said, "I want a present for a little girl". He let him in at once. "Had you anything in mind" he said. "Well, I thought about a nice little doll" said Mr Happyfeet. "I have only one left" said Mr Joyful "and I'm not sure you would want that one". Mr Happyfeet looked at Holly and fell in love with her at once. She was all wrapped up in Christmas paper, ready to take home for Ivy. Mr Joyful was happy to get rid of Holly, and Holly was ecstatic. No more time in that awful basement. When Ivy saw Holly the next morning her joy knew no bounds. This of course made Mr and Mrs Happyfeet feel so happy, that they said Ivy must stay with them until her granny was better. Ivy cuddled Holly and gave Mr and Mrs Happyfeet a big kiss for making her so happy.

Popsie Gilbert

We hope you've enjoyed this edition!

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PRIZES FOR THE
UNDER 7's

Kids



This is a new and hopefully regular feature for our younger readers. Lynn Van-Zutphen has compiled two competitions. The drawing competition is for the under 7's and the 'spot the difference' is for 7 to 11 year olds. Please send your entries to Wrights Butchers by Monday 16th January - not forgetting to put your name, address and age on the back. There will be prizes of Mercury News gift vouchers for the winning three entrants in each section and

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SILEBY PHOBIC SELF HELP AND SUPPORT GROUP

Hi there, we have been quite active over the past year. Yes our first anniversary was in September. We are now affiliated with Charnwood Community Council, on the register with Leicestershire Health Information Network, on contact lists of some of the National Organisations and continuing to approach others. We have been on Radio Leicester from which we have had a number of calls, and have been involved with a Photographic Project with Charnwood Arts which was exciting. It was a very unusual way of projecting agoraphobia and anxiety through pictures but rewarding for those who participated. We would like to extend our thanks to Marion who pursued this project and for her patience and help. Perhaps some of those who saw the exhibition at The Banks Surgery, Sileby would like to comment or make further enquiries. You can do this by phoning our contact numbers or writing to us c/o Caroline Harding, Community Centre House, Sileby.

We have received quite a few enquiries over the past year locally and in the Leicestershire area but regrettably some do not get back to us after information has been sent to them. We would like to hear if we have been helpful at all and do appreciate, as we have mentioned before that it is not always possible for sufferers to get to a Meeting. Sometimes picking up the phone is quite an ordeal, as also writing a letter.

Last but not least, our thanks go to Caroline Harding at Community Centre House, for her interest, help and for accommodating our meetings over this past year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to all.

Contact numbers 813129 and 413802.

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So amazed was I that I had to tell her (as she disposed of the mess into a bin provided for such things) that she should be congratulated for her consideration to other park users.

If this person can do it then others should follow and help rid the park and the streets of Sileby of this offending mess.

To all those who think that its more macho to sneak out in the early hours or late evening and let their dogs mess in public I hope you step in some before I do!

Mr P Hill

TRAMPS SUPPER AT GISMOS

Friday 7th October was the time to dress like a tramp for GISMOS with people like you've never seen them before. There were twin tramps, tramps with cardboard houses, tramps with ripped clothes, all the tramps you could think of. There were games for the tramps and best of all, the supper. Also a competition for the 3 best tramps who were Kelly Hetterly (3rd), Leanne Gamble (2nd) and Emma Hardy (1st). It was a brilliant night.

SMJC ANNIVERSARY

*SMJC Anniversary was a very merry occasion we were glad to see,
With lots of singing and praising, people were glad to be free.
The Sunday School prize giving day,
People got prizes to make them gay,
A christening to finish off the day,
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G E Hammond

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SMJC

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Also, a plea to past members who gained their blue SMJC T-shirts and/or sweatshirts. If you no longer want them, please, please, please don't throw them away - throw them our way. We would be pleased to receive any unwanted items to put into our garment store. We occasionally take part in events where we need members to wear them, so unwanted items would be very gratefully received.

Very best wishes from everyone at SMJC and GISMOS and don't forget - drop in any time - you will be made most welcome.

*SMJC is the best
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Singing and playing even you can do
God InSide Means Our Salvation
That's what GISMOS means
We do Art, Craft - and games in teams
We have Snooker, Pool, Table-Tennis too
Come to both, you'll enjoy yourself
Whatever you chose to do.*

Helen Ette (aged 9)

*SMJC, is the place to be
At ten-thirty, first assembly
Then to classes
You'll enjoy the things we do
So come along, all of you
GISMOS is our Friday Club
At seven o'clock
It's time to rock
There's things to do that you'll enjoy
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You won't be bored
Whatever you do.*

Sandie Hammond (aged 13)

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FATHER CHRISTMAS

*O what is Father Christmas like
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I've never ever seen him
He comes when I'm in bed
Ma said you must be patient
'Cos he is very shy
His sack of toys is heavy
He'll visit bye and bye
He's working all day long you see
Collecting all those toys.
And loading up his Reindeer Sleigh
To give to girls and boys.*

*Up spoke the bright young fellow
Computer he wanted most
If Santa can't get it in his sack
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Wilf Preston



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As a follow up to our recent article in the Spring edition of the Stockade concerning activities by the Friends of Redlands, we thought that readers would be interested in reading about a selection of the activities enjoyed by our children during the previous school year.

September 1993

Classes 3 and 4 visited Beaumanor Hall for a Victorian Day. During the day they enjoyed many activities which included dressing up as Victorian school children, sampling a lesson in the school room and doing the laundry. An animal story-teller visited the school with real-life props and classes 6 and 9 visited Snibston Discovery Park.

October 1993

Class 7 visited the Great Central Railway in Loughborough and class 8 spent a day at the British Transport Museum.

November 1993

This month the school held it's annual book week. The theme this year was "Fairy Tales". There were various activities during the week with many parents and friends coming into school to sit with the children to listen to stories and tapes, and to watch videos and puppet shows. An author visited school to tell stories to the children. The week was concluded with all of the children, teachers, and helpers dressing up as their favourite character from a fairy tale. Class 9 visited Belgrave Hall in Leicester.

December 1993

As usual a very busy month. On the 11th the year 5 girls' cross country team won the shield for overall winners (medium-sized schools) of the four races of the season. Well done! There were also the Christmas concerts to be enjoyed this month with full houses for all performances. This year's concerts followed on from the fairy tale theme of book week. A Christmas dinner was enjoyed by nearly the whole school on the 16th. On the last day of term all the school visited the Haymarket theatre for a marvellous production of Cinderella and were delighted when one of the teachers was chosen to participate in a game of "Blind Date".

February 1994

New PE Equipment purchased by Friends of Redlands, was fitted this month and on Shrove Tuesday most of the children enjoyed a pancake in school.

March 1994

This month saw numerous trips including visits to the Cathedral, Guildhall and the Costume Museum in Leicester, The Tales of Robin Hood in Nottingham and Beaumanor Hall in Woodhouse. In March three members of our cross country group, Leigh-Ann Simons, Kelly-Anne Muggleton and Ian Parker (all year 5), qualified to represent the Bradgate area in the Leicestershire County Championships. Both the year 5 girls and boys teams won their races and the Bradgate Area finished the overall winners.

May 1994

The Norwich Puppet Theatre were in school this month to perform "James and the Giant Peach" for all of our children. Classes 1 and 2 visited Bradgate Park and 36 year 6 children enjoyed a 5 day residential stay at Robin Hood's Bay in Yorkshire.



June 1994

The infant and junior sports days took place this month with only one postponement due to bad weather. Trips this month included, the Tramway Museum at Crich in Derbyshire, the Canal Museum at Stoke Bruerne in Northamptonshire and the swimming pool at Loughborough Leisure Centre. Fifteen of our children competed in the Bradgate Area Athletic Trials at Saffron Lane and percussionists spent two days in school working with all the children. Our year 6 children spent two welcome days at Humphrey Perkins. On the 30th June we had a leaving party for our 6 year children to whom we would like to wish a fond farewell and good luck in their new school.

During the year we welcomed three groups of 'Rising 5s' into the school (Sept, Jan and April). All of these children spend two mornings in the reception classes during the term before entry.

Although cross-country has been mentioned twice there are many other out-of-school activities at Redlands such as Football, Watch Club, Choir, Netball, Athletics, Recorders, Chess and Cycling.

Many thanks to all teachers and support staff who organise these activities in their own time. We also have a school council which is made up of two representatives from each of the junior classes. The council meet regularly with the Headteacher to discuss the children's views on life in Redlands School.



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GOOD NEWS FOR RETIRED GENTLEMEN

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RESULTS OF THE SILEBY FACTORY CRICKET CUP COMPETITION

TOWLES SOCK IT TO 'EM



Once again the traders made the Sileby Factory Cup Final. This time Towles provided the opposition.

Towles won the toss and elected to bat. Wickets fell regularly and only Wilson of the top four batsman showed any resilience making a fine 31. However when Brown and Newby came together they began to consolidate the innings adding 40 for the 5th wicket, and when Whitehouse was then joined by Thatcher the traders thought Bonfire night had come early as there were real fireworks, with some lucky blows to all parts of the ground.

Towles were finally all out for 149. A total which left the game finely balanced.

A Yates and N Batts opened the batting in reply and when Batts fell in the second over things looked ominous. However, A Yates and Whittington moved the traders onto 78 before losing another wicket, putting them firmly on course for victory.

With P Yates starting to cut loose, an excellent piece of fielding from A Brown resulted in him being run out and ultimately gave Towles a deserved victory as only C Preston of the later order traders batsman offered any resilience as they finished on 145 for 8.

Congratulations to Towles and many thanks to STCC for running the competition and sharing their facilities.

SCORECARD

Towles Innings

1.	Wilson	Bowled	N Clarke	31
2.	Green	Bowled	Preston	3
3.	Kaepner	Bowled	N Batts	8
4.	Capewell	Ct Batts	N Clarke	5
5.	Brown	Ct Preston	B Lewin	20
6.	Newby	Bowled	Halford	18
7.	Lacy	Bowled	A Yates	3
8.	Whitehouse	Bowled	A Yates	17
9.	Thatcher	RUN OUT		25
10.	Neill	Bowled	A Yates	1
11.	Whiteman	NOT OUT		1
		EXTRAS		17
		Total	149	

A Yates 3 for 6
N Clarke 2 for 11



Traders Innings

1.	A Yates	Ct Newby	Kaepner	44
2.	N Batts	Ct Green	Whiteman	2
3.	Whittington	RUN OUT		36
4.	Halford	Ct Whiteman	Green	3
5.	P Yates	RUN OUT		12
6.	C Lewin	Bowled	Brown	1
7.	Preston	NOT OUT		14
8.	Clarke	RUN OUT		3
9.	B Lewin	Bowled	Kaepner	1
10.	S Batts	NOT OUT		3
11.	B Batts	DNB		
		EXTRAS		26
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Kaepner 2 for 15

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In 1993, Mountsorrel Hospital was finally closed and the Mulberry Trust (formerly the South Lincolnshire Area Health Authority - Mental Handicap Unit), an NHS Trust which specialises in caring for adults with learning difficulties, won the contract to provide care for fifteen adults from Mountsorrel.

The Trust have three properties in Leicestershire, a house in Syston and two bungalows in Storer Close, Sileby. These currently provide a home for fourteen adults, cared for on a twenty-four hour basis by qualified team leaders and a team of social care assistants. We aim to provide a comfortable and secure environment and a programme of treatment to encourage the residents to become more independent in all aspects of their lives and to integrate them into the community. It is a long process, requiring patience and good humour to try and change the habits of years of life in an institution. but each day a little progress is made.

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FRIENDS GROUP

The fund raising activities from the Group and the money left to the Surgery from patients has resulted in the purchase of important new equipment for the benefit of all patients. Now installed at the new surgery is a "Little Sister 3" Sterilizer with a minor surgery kit and 2 Nebulizers.

Our thanks to all who helped and contributed to the Autumn Fayre held on the 29th October. The event proved to be most successful and raised £421.52 for our funds.

OPEN DAY

An open day has been arranged for Saturday, 10th December, from 10.30 am at Highgate Surgery for anyone interested in viewing the new Surgery and equipment which has been generously donated by everyone taking part in our fund raising activities. As this is to be held in the season of goodwill, there will be a welcome cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie.

Come along and see it all for yourself - everyone is welcome.

On behalf of Dr Lakhani, Surgery Staff and Friends Group we wish you all a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year".

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Surely I am not the only one in the village who has the same problem, some of the elderly and disabled must be experiencing some problems! Why didn't they cater for our needs? This could have been more monies coming their way if they had. But alas I have to struggle on and off buses for the mean time.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Hibbert



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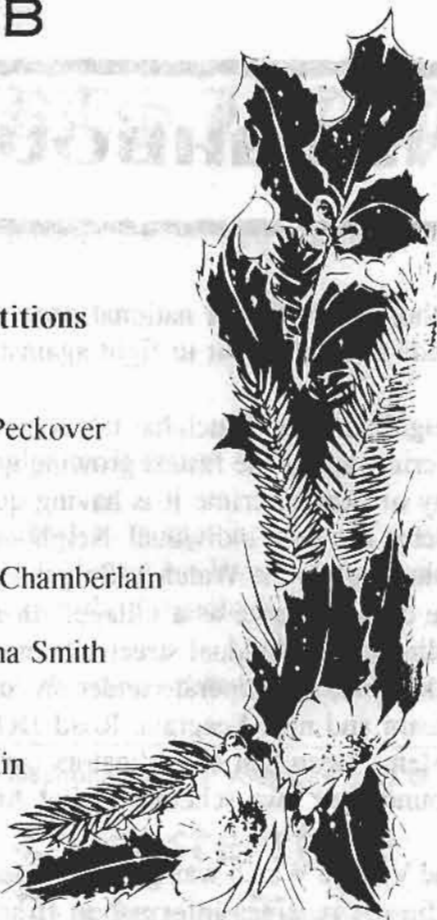
Winner - Pam Rolle

Runner-up - Christina Smith

Ladies Pairs:-

Winners - Monika Chotak and Nancy Porter

Runners-up - Philomena Hudson and Carole Chamberlain



THINKING

*As I sit, in this pretty little Park,
Mine eyes alone, I see,
The green grass and the birds and trees,
Children playing in glee,
It is a lovely sight to see.*

*Thinking of that day - Oh, so long ago!
I was your bride, nearly fifty-five years, or so,
We were young, our hearts so full and tender,
Ready for life's ups and downs,
Our love, in great surrender.*

*But now you have gone Tom,
My days once filled with song,
Our house is now a quiet place,
Because it misses your loving face.*

*I have much loving still to give,
The Lord, he knew my mind.
He said this love I will not waste
It is the loving kind.*

*So he sent me a special gift
One too rare to find
Three Great-Grand-Children
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My heart is full of joy!*

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Neighbourhood Watch has taken off in a big way nationally in recent months because of the increase in crime and is the fastest growing grass-roots movement in the country. Although it's a very subtle way of beating crime it is having quite an impact both prevention-wise and arrest-wise.

Sileby has had individual Neighbourhood Watch Schemes for some time but they were run in isolation, i.e. the Watch at Seagrave Road wouldn't know what was happening in Cossington Road. We didn't operate as a village. In June Sileby became a Village Watch, overseen by an Area co-ordinator. Individual street schemes, although being run as effectively as before by their own co-ordinators, now operate under an 'umbrella' Watch, which in effect means that the village runs as a team and now Seagrave Road DOES know what Cossington Road is doing. Simple ring-round systems mean that co-ordinators can now pass information from street to street, to contact persons around their own schemes and at Area level from village to village.

The Village Watch was given a donation of £100 in July by the Parish Council. When the Area Co-ordinator receives information from the Police or other villages to be passed on to Sileby street schemes, this money is used for photocopying, postage and so on. In fact without this money Sileby would not have been able to run as a Village Watch and needless to say the Watch is very grateful to the council for this.

Unfortunately though, the streets still have to finance themselves. When 'houses' join you pay an initial amount which pays for the street signs and what money is left over, if any, goes towards the initial cost of photocopying information. This money soon runs out and although important information will always be passed to all members via co-ordinators and contact people the ideal situation would be that all houses could receive a newsletter keeping them up to date with what is going on in the village. If £2.00 per year per house, just 5p per week, could be paid to street co-ordinators news could get through to every member.

Why don't you join Neighbourhood Watch? Already in the Village Watch are:- Seagrave Road two parts, Park Road, St. Marys Road, Heathcote Drive - two parts, Pryor Road, Springfield Road, Dickens Close, Collingwood Drive, Swan Street, Hobbs Wick, Ratcliffe Road - part, Peashill Close, Wards Crescent, Cemetery Road, Sherrard Drive, Wallace Drive, Cossington Road - part, Quaker Road and Chalfont Drive.

Soon to join are:- Milner Close, Flaxland Crescent and Kilbourne Close.

Not operating at the moment is Homefield Road. When the Co-ordinator retired in the summer, unfortunately no contact people were able to take it on so in effect it folded. It is a long road and ideally should be made into two watches, top and bottom. If anyone is interested in taking Homefield on, please write to:

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This year's Committee consists of:-

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Secretary - Gordon Rafferty
Treasurer - Pete Phillips

Plus Chris Preston, Chris Laird, Jane Ratcliffe, Jaquii Storrs and Ross Weston.

The Secretary for the past fourteen years, Colin Baker, has had to resign because of work commitments. All the players and Committee would like to thank Colin for his help and dedication throughout those years and to remind him there is always a place on the Committee for him.

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So who is right, the Christians, or the Christians?

Well as is often the case where the 'truth' is concerned they both are, and neither of them are. The trouble is that this country has always been just what it is now; a rich mixture of many different immigrants, (with a few conquerors thrown in), who all bring with them their own cultures, traditions and their own batch of celebrations, some of which came and went and left remnants behind. For instance, the ancient Britons worshipped trees, (a perfectly honourable pastime in my book). They believed in the Green Man, no not the pub, the figurehead, equivalent, I think to the way in which we refer to 'Mother Nature'. During their mid-winter celebrations they revered the evergreens, like holly and ivy, and it was customary to bring armfuls of greenery indoors. You might think on that as you deck your halls this year.

The Saxons held a mid-winter festival celebrating the rebirth of the sun. It lasted for twelve days and was called "Iakla Tid" (Yule Tide).

The Romans had a large influence on this country. (You have to admit, I know how to understate). They also celebrated a mid-winter festival called Saturnalia where the order of the day appears to have been gluttony, avarice, and all other forms of wild abandon.

Throughout much of this country's history, the Church has been it's strongest power, so it is only natural that we would celebrate the Church's greatest festival; the birth of the Saviour. It is also possible that pressure was being brought to bear to amalgamate the many scattered mid-winter festivals, in the same way that our present May Day/Spring Bank Holiday may well be amalgamated, for the sake of simpler politics.

Jehovah's Witnesses believe, however, that our mid-winter festival bears no relation whatsoever to the actual birth of Christ. If you accurately work back chronologically through history then you discover that the birth was most definitely not the 25th December. In fact it was more probably mid summer. And when the three wise men visited, it was not 12 days later but two or three years later. The list goes on.

So, where do the Victorians fit in to all of this? Well by the time Victoria came to the throne the festival was in danger of dying out completely. Obviously there was no room for Christmas in the modern, fast moving world of the 1800s. Until that is, and you have to remember here that this was the time when the Empire was at its greatest, we were a land of entrepreneurs, yes, true to form,

somebody saw the way to a fast buck. There was an industry beginning in greetings cards due to the advent of mass production. The postal service was becoming well established, and the idea of giving presents was opening up all sorts of commercial possibilities. What a morale booster, just what the country needed. The shops were actually open on Christmas Day morning to cater for the buying of these gifts.

Queen Victoria's family was seen as the model for all families to aspire to, and her home life was greatly publicised (no change there). So it was that the well reported festivities at Windsor brought about the revival of the old customs, as well as the addition of some new ones. The Christmas tree, decked with candles and ornaments was just such an addition. The Queen's husband, Albert, introduced it from his native Germany.

Did Santa Claus ever exist?

The idea of the seasonal gift bringer was not the invention of the Victorians. In Italy, children are brought gifts by 'La Befana' a good witch. In Germany, the equivalent is Kriss Kringle. In Holland, however, a similar character is known by the name of Santa Klaus. He, in turn, is based on the 6th Century Turkish Bishop, St. Nicholas, who was renowned for his miraculous good deeds. Add to this the Romanesque figure of Bacchus, God of plenty, a jovial character whose watch words would have been 'eat, drink and be merry', and we have encapsulated the character immortalised in the poem by Dr. Clement C. Moore in 1823:- "Twas the night before Christmas"

I doubt, however, that Dr. Moore's St. Nick would have been garbed at that time in the familiar red and white suit, because that did not arrive until the Coca Cola company dressed him in their corporate colours for an advertising campaign which featured Santa Claus drinking the 'Real Thing'. Ah! the power of advertising.

The now very familiar red and white garb of our Santa Claus turns out to be a creation of the Coca Cola advertising department.

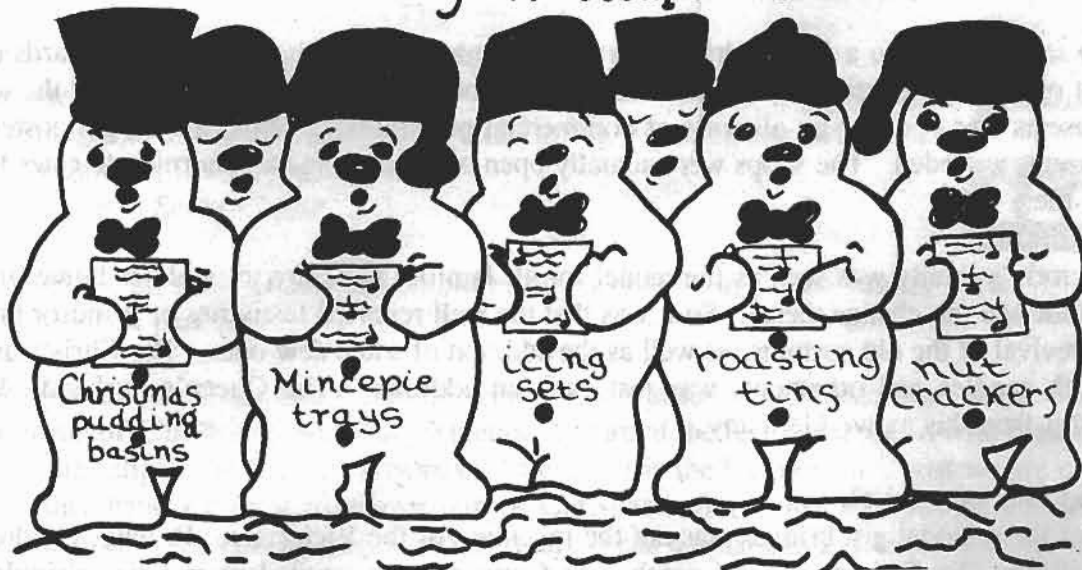


One of the many examples of ornamental stonework still visible today, believed to be representations of the ancient Green Man.



I appreciate that there are many holes in my knowledge, many questions left unanswered, and that while the facts are accurate, the way in which I have put them together is purely supposition, but I won't apologise for this, as it only serves to illustrate the point I am trying to make. No one knows the whole truth behind Christmas, therefore, no one can lay claim to it entirely. Christmas can be many different things to many different people, and no one has the right to impose rules on the correct way to celebrate it. I would like to think that each of us could look inside ourselves to find out what Christmas means to us, and to celebrate it as we each see fit like the individuals God made us. In our present society, which is multi-racial, multi-lingual and multi-cultural, and in this age of new awareness, perhaps this year we might evoke a little of that Christmas spirit, and cultivate some humility, learn a little tolerance of others, introduce a bit of Peace On Earth this Christmas, and encourage Goodwill To All Men, regardless of how they spend Christmas.

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