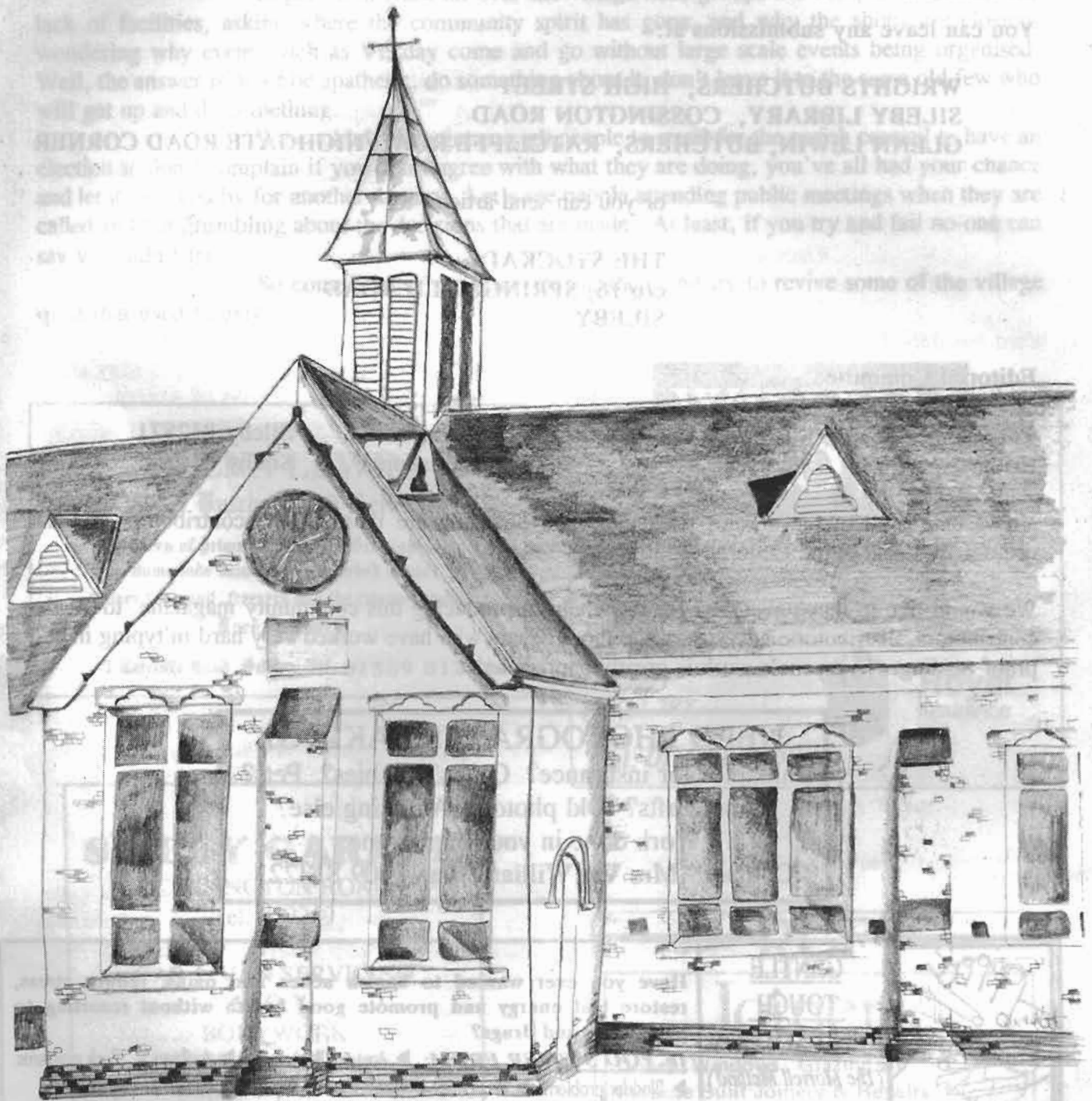


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We would like to thank Helen Root for contributing the front cover depicting Redlands School for this edition of the Stockade.

Please can we have any contributions for the 18th, Autumn 1995, edition of the Stockade with us by 31st July (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.

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Editorial

"It's your turn to write the editorial," they said, but the problem is what to write. We've tried being controversial, we've tried being sarcastic but neither had the desired effect - to stir up some sort of reaction from more than the interested few.

In pubs and clubs all over the village little groups are complaining about the lack of facilities, asking where the community spirit has gone, and why the shops are closing, wondering why events such as VE day come and go without large scale events being organised. Well, the answer is don't be apathetic, do something about it, don't leave it to the same old few who will get up and do something.

We couldn't even get enough people to stand for the parish council to have an election so don't complain if you don't agree with what they are doing, you've all had your chance and let it pass you by for another 4 years. Let's see people attending public meetings when they are called and not grumbling about the decisions that are made. At least, if you try and fail no-one can say you didn't try.

So come on, let's get our act together, and try to revive some of the village spirit that used to exist.



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NEWS FROM SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL

(Compiled by Cllr L Gordon Ward)

Will readers please note that the Clerk to the Council can only be contacted at the Council Office, at the following address and phone number. Her home number is ex-directory.

The Clerk to the Parish Council
Parish Council Offices
41 High Street
Sileby LE12 7RX
Phone: Sileby 813075

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 1995

Once again Sileby has not had to vote to elect a Parish Council. This is again due to insufficient nominations being handed in to the Returning Officer.

St Mary's Ward has the full number of Councillors elected (7), St Gregory's Ward has only 5 elected Councillors leaving 3 vacancies to be filled.

These Councillors will have attended their first Council meeting in May after the elections by the time you read this report. Subject to signing the Declaration of Acceptance at the first meeting the following is the list of Councillors for Sileby for your future reference, in alphabetical order:-

Cllr P J Astill, Quebec House, 261 Seagrave Road, Sileby LE12 7HN
Cllr Mrs B A Crick, 161 Homefield Road, Sileby, LE12 7TG
Cllr Mrs J Harris, 4 Greedon Rise, Sileby, LE12 7TF
Cllr A Latham, 28 Greedon Rise, Sileby, LE12 7TE
Cllr Mrs K Machin, 218a Homefield Road, Sileby, LE12 7TG
Cllr T Machin, 218a Homefield Road, Sileby, LE12 7TG
Cllr W Preston, 35 Little Church Lane, Sileby, LE12 7NE
Cllr J B Reedy, 48 Highgate Road, Sileby, LE12 7PP
Cllr G W H Richardson, 26 Collingwood Drive, Sileby, LE12 7TN
Cllr Mrs P Staples, 1 Seagrave Road, Sileby, LE12 7TN
Cllr Mrs R Trasler, 34 Cemetery Road, Sileby, LE12 7PH
Cllr L G Ward, 90 Cossington Road, Sileby, LE12 7RS

COUNCIL CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

It was hoped to hold the repeat display in March or April, but due to the non-availability of a venue to suit all parties involved in the presentation, it has been decided to hold the exhibition in November. (Watch out for further details locally). Any additional photographs etc. will be accepted at the Council Office during the months of September and October.

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You are again invited to enter this competition. We had an excellent response last year, so help us to make it even better in 1995. We wish to remind you again that the **CLOSING DATE IS 30TH JUNE 1995**. An entry form is included in this issue of The Stockade.

Judging takes place between July 24th and August 5th 1995.

ENTRY FORM

Sileby Parish Council "BEST FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION" 1995

Name

Address

This entry form should be sent or delivered to the Clerk to the Council, 41 High Street, Sileby, LE12 7RX, NOT LATER THAN **30TH JUNE 1995**.

V E DAY CELEBRATIONS WEEKEND (May 7th)

The events for this weekend have now passed us by, but the Special weekend was celebrated, with the Church Service at St Mary's Church on the Sunday, followed by an official opening of the "Pinfold" which is situated on Barrow Road.

Cllr Tom Machin (Council Chairman) performed the Official Opening and named the Pinfold reconstruction as "The Garden of Peace" to commemorate the 50 years of peace since the end of the World War Two.

Cllr Mrs P Staples (Parks Chairman) assisted, and members of the Council and the public supported this unique event in the village.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Your Council has again entered Sileby in this Annual Competition. In view of the "Best Front Garden" Competition being held, it is hoped that as residents of our village, as many as possible will assist us to try to keep our village as free as possible, from rubbish and weeds, in front of properties.

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This section has been published by the Sibley Parish Council as it was reported at the Annual Parish Meeting by the Charity's Chairman Cllr W Preston and it was agreed that the details should be published in the "Stockade" in order to inform any residents who qualify as shown above to apply for a grant if required.

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SILEBY CHARITY DARTS LEAGUE

Friday 21st April at the Liberal Club WMC saw the presentation of the Winter League 1994/1995. Colin Baker did the usual excellent job as MC and Sileby's own professional darts player, Jez Porter, presented the awards. Jez himself was the subject of a surprise presentation from the league and with it our hopes and good wishes were extended for many successes in his new career.

Jane Ratcliffe organised an excellent raffle, the best for many a year, and to complete the evening the "Electric Dreams Roadshow" disco kept the mood good and the dancers on the floor.

A total of £620 has been donated from the league to Sileby St John's Ambulance, Sileby Junior FC, Sileby Youth Club, Sileby Viking Baseball team, Highgate and Redlands Schools and village playschools.

The results for the winter of 1994/1995 were as follows:-

WMC Premier division

Winners	Duke C	Runners up	WMC F
Cons Tote Mens Tons	G Rafferty 82	Andrews Florists Ladies Tons	S Bosch 19
Highest Finish	Horse and Trumpet	Helen Claire	
	Men - G Rafferty 157	Ladies - S Bosch 66	

JP Trophies Division

Winners	Cons A	Runners up	Fountain C
Cons Tote Mens Tons	J Jackson 54	Andrews Florist Ladies Tons	J Ratcliffe 16
Highest Finish	Horse and Trumpet	Helen Claire	
	Men - C O'Reardon 113	Ladies - J Sansom 78	

Fountain Inn Division

Winners	Fountain CB	Runners up	Duke A
Cons Tote Mens Tons	A Burton 61	Andrews Florist Ladies Tons	J Green 20
Highest Finish	Horse and Trumpet	Helen Claire	
	Men - C Baker 97	Ladies - S Collins 77	

Link Training Mixed Pairs

Winners	J Sansom & J Bentley	Runners up	M Porter & C Baker
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Cons Club Ladies Pairs

Winners	C Laird & K Laird	Runners up	J Radcliffe & J Radcliffe
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County Tankers Mens Pairs

Winners

J Porter & C Morley

Runners up

P Stevens & R Wright

Free Trade Threes

Winners

S Maguire, P Stevens,
R Wright

Runners up

M Lowe, S Taylor,
P Latham

Leighton Rees Darts Centre Ladies Singles

Winner

J Radcliffe

Runner up

J Storrs

Duke of York Ladies 140 Throw Off

Winner

S Hollins with 157

Contex Leisure Mens Singles

Winner

C Preston

Runner up

P Stevens

Malc Lewin 180 Throw Off

Winner

R Weston with 243

Free Trade K.O. Cup

Winners

WMC PP

Runners up

Fountain CB

Blind Pairs K.O.

Winners

J Sansom & J Porter

Runners up

P Stevens & J Branson

We would like to thank the following for their donations to the raffle:- Forbuoys, Robert Bancroft, Heaps Hardware, Ye Olde Corner Shop, Hole in my Shoe, Mercury News, J H Morris, Andrews, Studio 2, Factory Shop, Oasis, Co-op, Wakerleys, Sileby Superstore, Busy Bees, Sileby Cottage, The Railway Inn, The Free Trade Inn, The Fountain, The Horse and Trumpet, the WMC, The Duke of York, and M Wrights.

May I extend my thanks to all committee members especially Malc Laird and Gordon Rafferty for all their hard work for all the League.

Pete Phillips

SILEBY GHOSTS

Does anyone in the village know about, or had themselves, an experience of a supernatural nature?

If you do know of anything I will be very pleased to hear from you as I am going to be doing a Special Studies project on this subject at Rawlins next academic year, but I desperately need stories in advance. If you can help then please write to me at 2 Marshall Avenue, Sileby, LE12 7QT.

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On Friday 17th March, we decided to raise some money for Comic Relief. It was difficult to decide how to do it at first. We couldn't think of a sponsored event, so we just went round Sileby with a collecting tin. We started at the Fountain Inn at 2.00 pm, and went in every pub, shop, hairdresser and even the Doctors' Surgery on The Banks.

We would like to say a very big "Thankyou" to you all for giving so generously. A special thank you goes to Swains Garage, who gave the biggest donation, but no matter what donation you made, big or small, thanks to the very kind and generous people of Sileby we raised £63.16. I don't think we'd have done any better in a big town so again a big "Thank you" to everyone.

Donna Gamble and Lorraine Williscroft

DONATIONS TO THE BANKS SURGERY

On behalf of Doctors Tim Daniel, Adrian French and Maria Myint and all the staff of the Banks Surgery I should like to express our appreciation to the Patients and Community members who over the past twelve months have raised over £1,000.

These funds have been matched by the Doctors to enable the purchase of much needed equipment for use in the Treatment Room to the benefit of our patients.

Our fund raising will continue and all gifts donated by patients have and will be much appreciated. Our next major event will be July 29th - the Sileby Gala - our Cake and Bric-a-Brac Stall - hope to see you all there.

Jenny Twombly, Practice Manager

NEARLY NEW/RUMMAGE/CAKE STALL & RAFFLE AT BOY'S CLUB (22nd April)

Despite the weather £400 was raised for the Rainbows Appeal by Brenda Muggleton and Audrey Horsley. Many thanks to the people who donated raffle prizes, also Sileby Bowls Club and Dudley Court for their donations.

In the near future we hope to have a skittle match and another sale.

Brenda Muggleton



Sileby Community Health Project

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For more details on any of the groups, please ring the above number.

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Folk Dancing For Beginners - every **Monday 7.30 - 9.30 pm.**



"It's Good to Walk" Stride your way to a healthier lifestyle. Why not join the Health Projects walking group, going on short walks every Wednesday between 1.30 and 3.00 pm.

THE LUNCH CLUB - for the older residents of Sileby - meets every **Tuesday and Friday 12.15 - 2.30 pm.** If you would like a nice meal prepared for you for a small price on these days - or you know someone who might, please call Caroline on the number above. It is also a good opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

LEICESTER OUTWORK CAMPAIGN - if you would like to discuss any queries about working from home. Meetings take place on the following **Tuesdays** : - **13th June, 18th July, 15th August.**

LOUGHBOROUGH VOLUNTEER BUREAU - Ros Barney will be at the Community Centre to answer any questions about voluntary work. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to find out what might be available, please ring between **10.00 am and 12.00 noon on Tuesday 20th June, 8th August or 12th September.**

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Leicestershire Health, Fosse Health NHS Trust and local health professionals are organising the Exhibition which will provide free advice on such diverse subjects as Diabetes, Stress, Asthma, Healthy Eating and many other interesting topics. The Exhibition will be at the **Sileby Village Institute on Saturday 17th June from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm**. Free admission, tea, coffee and car parking. For more details please contact Caroline Harding on the number above.

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A programme of meetings for the next 12 months is being prepared and the group will meet on alternating afternoons and evenings during the last week of each month to enable every carer an opportunity to attend, to hear speakers or to meet socially.

Details of times, dates and venues to be confirmed and publicized soon. For details please contact Caroline on Sileby **815288**

We hope you've enjoyed this edition!

**STOCKADE DEADLINE FOR THE
AUTUMN EDITION IS 31ST JULY**

Please let us have your articles, diary dates, club details etc as early as possible.

Any offers for a front cover?

Thank you for your support.

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A HISTORY OF SILEBY

This is an abridged version of a school project carried out in December 1993 by James Slater when he was aged 12. He goes to Humphrey Perkins school. We hope it will be of interest to The Stockade readers.

The Danes invaded England in the 9th century. Sileby became a Danish settlement at that time. Its name seems to have come from a Danish surname "Sighulf", with "-by" meaning homestead. This became in turn Siglesbie, Siglebi, and by the 13th century, Silleby. There are a large number of other villages in N.E. Leicestershire which end in "-by", e.g. Gaddesby, Asfordby and Wartnaby, indicating a considerable Danish occupation in this area.

Sileby is in the valley formed where the rivers Wreake and Soar meet. There was easy access to water, and easy communications. There was much woodland, granite at Mountsorrel and later slate from Swithland. The site was sheltered and good farming land.

In 1006 the Domesday book was written. This was a census which listed all the land and all the people in the country. At that time the population of Sileby was about 100.

In 1238 the lands in Sileby were brought together under the ownership of the Segrave family and were called the Manor of Sileby, but the lord of the manor never lived in the village.

In 1317 the population was about 300, and in 1603 it was about 500.

By the end of the 17th century the framework knitting industry had begun in Sileby and the village grew quickly through the 18th century. In 1793 the population was 978 and in 1801 it was 1111. By 1801 Sileby was an industrial village. The knitting frames were first used to make stockings and socks, and were set up in people's cottages. In 1841 the first small hosiery factory was built. In 1851 the population was 1660 and there were 489 hand knitting frames.

The railway station opened in 1840. [The first railway excursion in the world went through Sileby about this time. It was arranged by Thomas Cook and was the beginning of Thomas Cook travel agents.]

Boot-making began in about 1850. The main work was done in Leicester and the finishing was done by out-workers in the village. Sileby was probably one of the earliest villages to do out-working, which is still carried on today.

By 1901 the population was 2752 and there were 6 hosiery factories, 6 boot and shoe factories, a brewery, and a brick and tile works. There were also 10 pubs and 5 churches.

By 1947 there were 4 hosiery factories, 11 boot and shoe factories, a wallpaper factory, a brick and tile works, 2 small engineering factories, several malt roasters, 3 building yards and other small industries.

In 1960 the population was 4650 and there were 65 shops (one for every 72 people). Surveying the village, I noticed a large number of empty shops, also two which had been converted into homes.

The railway station closed in 1965, [but as we all know was reopened in May 1994 with the creation of the new Ivanhoe Line which will eventually go from Derby, through Loughborough and Leicester, to Burton-on-Trent].

Today Sileby is a large industrial village, with a population of around 7000. In the last few years many surrounding green fields have been made into housing estates, and also many old houses have been demolished.

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GROWTH OF HOUSING

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Between 1885 and 1930 the village expanded quite a lot, with infilling in Barrow Road, King Street, and Swan Street, and ribbon development along Ratcliffe Road, Cossington Road and Seagrave Road.

Between 1930 and the 1950's there were some small housing developments behind Seagrave Road (the Greedon estate), behind Ratcliffe Road (Highgate Road, Wellbrook Avenue, Finsbury Avenue and Peashill Close), behind Cossington Road (Chalfont Drive) and behind The Banks (Avenue Road and Wards Crescent).

In the 1970's infilling began between Seagrave Road and Highgate Road, which were eventually connected, and between Cossington Road and the railway.

In the 1980's the Heathcote estate was extended towards the Memorial Park, and a small estate was built up Albion Road, near the site of the old brick and tile works.

FACILITIES

The village has 2 baker's shops, 3 butcher's shops, 2 clothes shops, 2 factory shops, 2 florists, 4 fruit and veg shops, 7 general stores, 5 hairdressers, 5 newsagents, 7 off-licences, 1 pet shop, 1 hardware store, 2 supermarkets, and about 11 other shops. There are about 12 empty shop premises.

There is now only 1 bank, 3 cafes and restaurants, 4 churches, 4 garages, 6 pubs, 2 take-aways and 2 schools. There are around 27 individual factories of varying sizes, plus industrial estates at the old brewery, Hayhill and Albion Road. Also very close to the village are Redlands Works and the British Gypsum mine.

There are very few interesting buildings left in Sileby, although there is a conservation area centred on the High Street. The most important buildings left are St Mary's Parish Church, The Free Trade Inn, and numbers 33 and 35 Little Church Lane. It has been said of Sileby that "its chiefest glory is its church", which is built of Mountsorrel granite and stands on high ground in the original centre of the village. Until the 1960's there was a very old elm tree in the corner of the churchyard which was over 7 metres round the trunk. In 1875 the Rev. Augustus Shears wrote in Sileby parish magazine that the old elm tree was at least 500 years old. He used to conduct ceremonies in the open air under its branches. The tree, which overlooked the bustling junction, often had branches ripped off by passing lorries. Older villagers may be able to remember when the custom on church feast days was for the hollow trunk to be filled with oranges for the children to help themselves.



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The dances are lively and expert tuition is patiently given by experienced callers. It's fun - we laugh when we go wrong, good exercise and an excellent way to make new friends. Partners are not essential but a few more men would be useful. Although this is primarily an adult group anyone aged fourteen or over is welcome.

The group will meet until June 19th after which there will be a summer break.

The cost is £1 including tea or coffee and biscuits.

Please come along on June 5th, 12th and 19th and try it out, then let us have some feedback.

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TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Activities in Sileby - contact Mrs J Price (813197). Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at the Community Centre at 7.30 pm and all ladies will be made most welcome - why not come along as a visitor and see if you like us.

Diary Events

Friday 9th June - Mr A Dix will be talking about "Magic through the Ages" and will also demonstrate his magic tricks.

Friday August 11th - Mr R Beech will be demonstrating Origami and members will be asked to join in.

Friday September 8th - members of the Speakers Club from Leicester will be doing "Call my Bluff".

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SILEBY TOWN CRICKET CLUB "CENTENARY"

This year sees the completion of the first 100 years of Sileby Town CC playing league cricket in Leicestershire. The year 1895 saw the start of the North Leicestershire cricket league with Sileby being one of the founder members. The club won the league championship in the inaugural year and many more times after that, particularly in its early years of existence. Many of the local villages were playing in the NLCL in the early 1900's and most of the local "Derby's" were very keenly contested as indeed they are to this day.

Several local "lads" have now been included in village folklore for their deeds on the cricket and other sporting fields. The list is too long to include here but the current members are most appreciative of the efforts made by their predecessors throughout the club's long history.

Sileby Town CC left the NLCL in 1981 and joined the then Leicestershire Club cricket league for the 1982 season, in which they were again champions at the first attempt. This league is now the Everard's Leicestershire County cricket league and Sileby continue to field two Saturday Teams.

The foundations for the next 100 years of league cricket at Sileby have now been laid with its flourishing junior section. Currently 85 young people play cricket throughout the week in all of the available age groups from Kwik cricket to under 17 level.

To enable the correct blend of youth and experience to continue within the club's senior teams, it is always on the lookout for quality experienced players to join its ranks. Contact Nigel Kinch on 0116 237 4644 if you require more information.

If any reader has any old photographs or stories from the club's long history that they would like to share with the current members please contact Eric Falconbridge on Sileby 813061.

SILEBY UTD FOOTBALL CLUB

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For those who do not know us, we are a Sunday League Football team and play in the Charnwood Sunday League Division 4. Our team colours are green and white vertical stripes and our home pitch is at Quorn Rawlins School.

This, our third season, has been the most successful in our short history. We achieved a very pleasing league position, and were finalists in the S and L Trophies Cup. Throughout the season, in both League and Cup matches there have been numerous spectators who turned out to support us. This was especially true in our last 3 Cup matches, played at home and on neutral grounds - the number of supporters that turned out was unbelievable.

SUFC would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have supported us from the sidelines. We would also like to thank Sileby Working Mens Club for their financial assistance, and look forward to seeing you all next season.

THANK YOU ALL

SUFC

Following my recent retirement from Wool 'N' Things, I would like to thank the people of Sileby for their custom, encouragement during times of stress, and above all their friendship over the past eight years. I wish Mrs Allsop every success and hope she will enjoy the same support.

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SILEBY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There are around 20 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in Sileby with the number continually increasing. If you are a member of a scheme make sure you know who your contact person and co-ordinator are.

If you don't belong to a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, how about starting a scheme? Here's how you start a scheme up and a bit of general information on Neighbourhood Watch.

First of all give me a ring. I work from Quorn Police Station, a telephone extension from Loughborough Police Station (Loughborough 231111). I will come and see you and provide you with some information.

If you are willing to run and co-ordinate the scheme, the next step is to visit the houses in your area to see if they want to be in the scheme. There are no set rules to the amount of houses in each scheme. Some schemes have as little as 20, others over 100. The majority of households normally want to be involved.

The next step is for a meeting in which a member from each household is asked to attend for a short presentation by myself explaining about Neighbourhood Watch.

The scheme works with a co-ordinator running the scheme as the main point of contact for the police. He has several contact persons, roughly one contact person for every 10-15 households. The idea is for information from the police to go via the co-ordinator, onto the contact persons and onto the households they cover and vice versa back to the police.

It is not difficult to run or be a member of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and it has several purposes:-

- To build up community spirit
- To get to know the neighbours
- To get to know the Community PC
- To receive up to date Crime Prevention information and advice
- To receive information on current crimes
- To help combat crime and deter would be criminals

Neighbourhood Watch is a scheme run by its members and not the police but has the assistance and backing of the police.

Last year there were over 500 reported crimes in Sileby, if Neighbourhood Watch can help reduce that it's got to be worth starting a scheme.

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News from Redlands School

Dear Editor,

We are collecting Tesco computer vouchers in the hope of obtaining some more computer equipment, preferably a multimedia computer. However when visiting the Loughborough Tesco store I noticed that many people were not accepting the free computer vouchers. Would it be possible to publicise this fact and ask people to give the vouchers to their local school or if they prefer to Redlands C.P. at Sileby. After all why waste a free offer if you already shop at Tesco? Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Bob Jex (Deputy Head)

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A lot of work is needed to keep the clock working and in good order and an estimate of £800 has been received to carry out necessary repairs and maintenance.

With the money put into schools' budgets for the education of the children getting less each year and costs rising, the Governors feel unable to spend £800 on this item. We would however, be very willing to support any fund raising ideas. Please write or telephone your opinions and suggestions to the school.

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MORE MEANDERINGS

The village seems to have an incredibly healthy publication going in The Stockade magazine. Thirty-six pages is quite an achievement, and I am told that some issues have even had forty. And there were 56 advertisements in the last issue. The editorial team and their helpers have done a really good job in the four years The Stockade has been in existence.

What was really sad about the last issue was that so much of it was taken up with comments on the vandalism the village has suffered. Not that I'm saying anything is wrong with that - obviously people need to express their outrage and disgust, it's just that it is all so depressing. The most upsetting thing for me was to realise the intensity of the feelings of anger and alienation these vandals must have for them to have the need to wreak such destructive havoc.

I cannot help but think that, whatever people may say about hoping the vandals will be severely punished, there is no appropriate punishment for such desecration as occurred in the cemetery. Making punishments fit the crime seems to me almost impossible to achieve in such circumstances.

It seems to me that the only really helpful response that we can take in the village regarding this sort of problem is in the area of prevention. We need the whole village to be covered by Neighbourhood Watch schemes. More importantly, we need to know more about the new Home Office initiatives for Street Watch and Neighbourhood Constables, as reported in the last issue's Neighbourhood Watch article. Thirdly, we all need to be that little bit more vigilant. Let us hope that when these initiatives are introduced that there are enough public-spirited villagers willing to volunteer to help.

Once damage such as occurred at the cemetery has been done it can never be undone. It can be repaired, at a cost, but never reversed - prevention is surely far more appropriate.

To completely change the subject - what a bore the recent roadworks in The Banks have been. It was bad enough when there are just 2-way temporary traffic lights on The Banks itself, but when there were 4-way lights at the junction with Swan Street etc. it was chaos - especially on the occasion when all 4 sets showed red for a few hours!

I once had what I thought was a brilliant idea for Sibleby traffic, curing traffic flow and

parking problems in one fell swoop. It was to make King Street, Swan Street, The Banks, Brook Street and the High Street into a big one-way system. This I thought would mean all those streets could have on-street parking down one side, solving the village's parking problem at a stroke, and at the same time all the hold-ups at the various junctions would be eased. I couldn't understand why nobody had thought of it before! As it turned out, they had. What I had forgotten about was the low bridge in King Street! Well, it would have been a brilliant idea if the Midland Counties Railway Company, as it was then, had been rather more generous with their clearances back in the 1830's!

However, watching the Sibleby rush hours, especially at the junction of High Street, Cossington Road, and Brook Street, I have wondered if one of those mini-roundabouts there wouldn't be a bad idea to help the traffic flow. Possibly it would also be helpful to have one at the Ratcliffe Road/Swan Street junction also, as confusion often reigns there about priorities. When you think

about it, we have rather more than our fair share of awkward junctions in the village, what with that awful junction by the Parish Church as well. It seems surprising that there have not been many accidents at any of these junctions that I am aware of - I suppose they are all so awkward that everyone just has to slow down and take particular care - perhaps a good reason *not* to "improve" them!

I seem to have meandered long enough this month - I shall now go out and enjoy a beautiful spring day, and feel grateful that we are so close to the countryside in the village.

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Many thanks to those of you who responded to my previous letter in the 16th Stockade. I am pleased to be able to advise you that as a result of kind donations of books, and in some cases of cash, as well as grants from local organisations, businesses, charities and fund raising events I have now raised £1400.

A grand raffle is still in progress and is due to be drawn on the 28th June. Should you feel able to support the cause, tickets are still available at:-

The Banks Surgery
Just Music, Swan Street
Chine House Veterinary Practice
The White Swan, Swan Street

Many thanks to the above for their help and co-operation.

We are still looking for books which can be dropped off at 35 Seagrave Road, or arrangements can be made to collect any by ringing Sileby 813005

Particular thanks go to Bob and Theresa Millar at the White Swan for helping make the Fun Day on Easter Monday such a success. Other events are being planned - I do hope that you will support them.

Thank you all again for your assistance.

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You will find on display in the foyer a notice explaining all about the equipment that has been bought by the "Friends Group". It has been made possible to purchase these items because of the help and generosity of you - the Patients. We need you to continue your support for the "Friends Group" to be able to purchase further items of equipment for the benefit of all patients.

Spring Fayre

Our thanks once again to all who helped and contributed to the Spring Fayre held in the Community Centre on 8th April, when £300 was raised to add to the funds. The Easter Bonnet competition proved to be very popular and was judged by Dr and Mrs Lakhani. Mrs M Gray was judged the winner with Adam and Ben Lamb winners in the children's section.

Skittles Evening

As popular as ever, the Skittles Evening at the Conservative Club added £75 to our funds. This is always a pleasant evening for meeting friends and enjoying good food.

The next meeting of the "Friends Group" is at 9.50 am on Saturday 17th June at the Surgery and any patients who would like to join our Group will be most welcome.

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A DAY TO REMEMBER

It all started six years ago when our son Simon came home and said he wanted to join the local air cadets. We thought it would be another hobby that he wouldn't stick to, but we were so wrong.

He joined 2229 Squadron at Loughborough, which meets at their head quarters on Monday and Thursdays. Joining the cadets brought the best out in Simon, he had so much to do. They go flying, shooting, take part in sport and have competitions against other squadrons. They also have the opportunity to go away to an RAF camp for a week to see what life is like in the Forces. Simon has been to a few in England but has also been to Gibraltar and to Germany.

After being in the cadets and achieving so much he decided to go in for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. It took six years altogether. First he gained his Bronze, then the Silver, and finally the Gold. By this time Simon held the rank of Flight Sergeant.

Once you have passed Gold you are invited to St James's Palace to receive your award. Simon was allowed one guest which was me, his mum. Simon was one of five cadets from 2229 Squadron to receive his award that day.

The Award Presentation takes place about three times a year and about 800 young people receive their awards on each date. The presentation is split into two, one morning, one afternoon. On arrival at the Palace you must show your invitation, then you are shown the way to an ante-room. On the landing there is a military band playing. The recipients sit on one side and their guests sit opposite, so that you can see and hopefully hear what is said.

The recipients are placed in small groups so it is easy for HRH Prince Philip to talk to them. Simon and the other cadets were in the second group.

When Prince Philip came into the room the band stopped playing, and we all stood up. He immediately told us to be seated. He then went to the first group of people to talk to them and then on to the next. After talking to two young people he spotted the five cadets and spoke to them immediately. As he turned to move on, Prince Philip looked at my brooch and said "I thought it was an award badge, we have had two mothers and a father who have done the award scheme as well as their children today".

Prince Philip can't give all the award certificates as there are too many, so there is a guest celebrity to give the certificates, but the Prince does hold all of the awards before he passes them on.

Once the Prince leaves the room after the presentation, we are then invited to look around the Palace which is a great honour as only invited guests can look around the Palace. We saw some beautiful paintings from the royal collection. It was the perfect ending to a perfect day.

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The lady bowlers membership grew during the war years. Early records show that subs in 1941 were 7/6d.

Following the war the club progressed and in 1946 Mr Francis Burton generously offered to pay for the construction of a Cumberland Turf green - the green was ready for playing on by the Summer of 1947. The club has been justifiably proud of the honours gained by members over the years - including an England Bowling Association president, 2 Leicestershire Bowling Association presidents, and for the ladies, Mrs A Parkinson, has held the highest honours at County and National level. Over the years our members have represented the Club at County level and have gained high honours.

In October 1980, a fire at the club resulted in it having to be rebuilt. Alterations have been made over the years, and we now have very good facilities - kitchen and bar, a comfortable lounge, changing rooms etc. The Club can be hired out for private functions - we accommodate 60-70 people. Anyone wishing to do so can contact Mr G Allsop on 01664 434280 who will give you any information you need.

We are always ready to welcome new members. If you would like to "have a go" come to the Club House, which is to be found off Springfield Road (off Collingwood Drive), and any member will show you round and introduce you to the game.

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SILEBY YOUTH CENTRE

Sileby Youth Centre has like other organisations in the village been badly vandalised by persons unknown. However the Club is still running and there are many activities going on for young people. Trips and competitions are being planned throughout the year, e.g. pool, ice-skating, swimming, angling, roller skating, canoeing, white water rafting, to name but a few. If any young person in the village wants to participate, please come down and ask. If there is something that we are not offering which young people would like to do, just ask and we will try and lay it on.

There is an under 14's disco on the last Friday of each month, with hot dogs, sweets, pop etc.

One of the senior members, Kerrinda Tanner, won the Leicestershire Pool Final and represented Leicestershire in the Midland Regional Final at Birmingham. Having won that, she now goes on to the National Finals.

The Club would be very grateful if there are any adults in the village who could help with forming a committee, helping with fund raising or just running a small stall on fund raising projects.

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We stayed at that school until we were 7 years old, when we went to the "Bottom School" which is now called Redlands. Our first class was Class 8. Our teacher Mrs Hill was a very likeable lady who made quite a fuss over me, making me a cap and apron like a waitress so that I could take cups of tea and biscuits to the teachers at their break.

I will say all the teachers were very nice and I got on with them all. Mr Severn was the headmaster. Due to my mother being an invalid I was allowed to go to school everyday at 9.30 am and to leave at 11.30 am so that I could help her. This continued until I left at the age of 14. When we left, we were allowed to keep our bible and hymn book signed by all the teachers which made it very emotional. I still have them both to this day. All my teachers except Mrs Greenwood have since died but these memories will always be with me.

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Competition Winners for the 16th edition of THE STOCKADE

The following competition winners will receive £5 each:

Junior Crossword

Chloe Turner (age 9), Cossington Rd
Toni Caddock (age 10), Barradale Ave

Adult Quiz - there were 10 who got all the answers correct. The winners were drawn out of the hat. They were:

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 - 2 Not quite the famous school
 - 3 Big Ewe
 - 4 A heavy Scottish plant
 - 5 A bit of a bird
 - 6 Near some streams?
 - 7 Been to weight watchers?
 - 8 Might Lucy Ewing have lived up here ?
 - 9 Small Scottish farm
 - 10 John Boy
 - 11 A mixed up hairdresser
 - 12 Vauxhall
 - 13 P.M. with a pipe
 - 14 Small town for Victoria's husband
 - 15 Looks Irish to me
 - 16 Slices the corner off the bacon
 - 17 Motorbike fit for Royalty
 - 18 Tease Mr Thompson without his Y
 - 19 How Mr Miller's fans might have described him
 - 20 Row Row Row your boat
Gently down the stream
- _____
- _____
- Life is but a dream

Seagrave - Developments at the Primary School

The primary school at Seagrave decided that a single room extension was required to meet the demands of parents who wished to send their offspring to the school. The L.E.A. have no funds for this project so the governors decided to go it alone.

The money has almost been raised by a combination of fund raising events and belt tightening.

A spectacular climax to the year's fund raising has been organised by the governors, parents and friends. This is "The Midsummer Night Music Spectacular" to be held in the grounds of Brooksby College on Midsummer's Night, June 24th at 7.30pm. The music being provided by the orchestras and bands of Guthlaxton College, Wigston. There will also be a firework display and it is hoped a celebrity guest will be present.

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VE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT DUDLEY COURT

The committee and residents of Dudley Court entered enthusiastically into the spirit of commemoration and celebration of VE Day. The front entrance of Dudley Court in Back Lane was decorated with bunting and flags and hanging baskets of red, white, and blue flowers.

On May 6th the committee organised a special VE day social evening for residents and friends. Mr Fig Smith supplied the music on the organ and Mr John Ferris rendered songs old and new. There was a huge buffet with liquid refreshments available for those attending. The residents were presented with a mounted £2 commemorative coin from the warden and the committee.

The service medals of one resident was proudly displayed in the lounge.

Mr H Lovett gave a toast to all who served in World War II and also to those who sacrificed their lives and never returned for giving us 50 years of peace.

LEST WE FORGET

On Monday May 8th afternoon a video of Dame Vera Lynn was shown in the lounge followed by an afternoon tea. The residents enjoyed the whole of the VE Day celebrations.

The Warden and committee were given a vote of thanks for arranging such a fine effort to make the VE celebrations a huge success. Plans for VJ Day are in the process of being arranged for August.

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Letters

The house on the front of the Spring edition of the Stockade stood next to the railway bridge in King Street and, at the turn of the century was the home of my grandparents, Edmund and Rosa Draper. My father was born, and I think his sister and four brothers were too. There was an orchard at the rear in those days, a wonderful playground, my uncles built a tree house -but dad wasn't big enough to climb the rope to reach it.

Grandma came to Sileby with her parents in the late 1860's. She became a school teacher, but not at Sileby -the church school would not employ her because she had pierced ears!! She taught at Groby until her illness in her mid-twenties left her completely deaf.

Grandfather came originally to manage the flour mill in the early 1890s. He was a very religious man and became superintendent of St. Mary's Sunday School. By the early 1900s he was in business with his brother Herbert as 'Coal dealers and Cab Proprietors'.

They had horses and carriages of various sizes and operated the local bus/taxi service. The business bill-headings state "Weddings, Pleasure Parties, Funerals. Only necessary cab work on Sundays". It was whilst taking a party of parents and students from Gracdieu to Ratcliffe College in 1910 that he was killed on College Lane. The accident inquest was held at the Railway Inn. A collection was organised to help the family. I have a printed list of donors and the Sileby people are listed street by street, a lot of the donations were in pennies. I understand that the sum collected, £142.2s.3d. was invested by the trustees to produce a small income until the youngest child finished school. Naturally Grandma couldn't afford to stay in the King Street house and she rented various small cottages in Sileby whilst raising her family.

Readers may remember that for a time during world war two there was another 'Draper Bros' -that was my father and his brother Andrew. They were had lorries and were registered as 'Coal Merchants and Haulage Contractors'.

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In a recent edition of The Stockade, I was very interested in your article about Thomas (Tricker) Preston, because he was my great-grandfather. My grandfather was Charles Henry Preston (Harry), also known as Tricker Preston, who lived at Barrow.

Sadly I didn't know my great-grandfather, because he died before I was born, but I was given a piece of his music by my aunt when I was a child, and I treasured that music all through my childhood. I thought it was great that I had an ancestor who was a composer. Unfortunately years later my precious music was lost.

If by any slim chance anyone in Sileby knows if or where I could obtain any of my great-grandfather's music, or if anyone could tell me anything about him I would be very grateful. All I know about him is that he played the cello, he composed music, and that he and his friends used to walk miles to the surrounding villages to play his music at the village fetes, so can anyone help please?

Thank you. **Pam Johnson (Barrow)**

LOUGHBOROUGH VOLUNTEER BUREAU - Time to spare? Why not care?



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JACK LEE (1920 - 1995) - Formerly of Sileby

(The picture is of Jack Lee receiving his illuminated address from the people of Sileby)



To think that my father's sporting career came to an end some forty years ago when we moved to Rugby, it is a mark of the high esteem in which local people hold him that the family, friends and fans alike still recount happy footballing or cricket successes and fond memories.

As a small tribute and mark of respect, I include this extract, written by his sisters and used at his funeral in January, which gives at least a glimpse of the whole man and his life at work and play:-

Jack Lee was born in Sileby, the second son of six children. He was a loving, gentle and unassuming brother, spending hours with we three youngest ones, giving us training in ball skills, physical exercises, memory tests and puzzles.

He worked in the Excels (Excelcior) Shoe Factory in Sileby. He joined Mr Byatts PE group in the Unity Hall. He played for Sileby Old Boys football team. We used to carry buckets of hot tea over to them at half-time in Seal's field.

His reputation and rise as a footballer is well chronicled. Tales are legendary of his natural, fluent and generous knack of setting up or scoring goals.

He was our brother, modest, and non-aggressive, often slightly ruing the fact that he was not 'one of the lads' joining in the after-match drinks.

Jack married Beryl in the Primitive Methodist Church in Sileby and they had a fine family of four children.

Jack never lost his pleasure in being with children - his own, his grandchildren, his nephews and nieces. Less than eighteen months ago he was setting up ball-games and gymnastics in his back garden for their pleasure.

I asked him that afternoon what he thought about LIFE. He paused and said simply, "When I am gone, I hope I shall have left a few people the happier for my having been there".

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Jim Lee

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