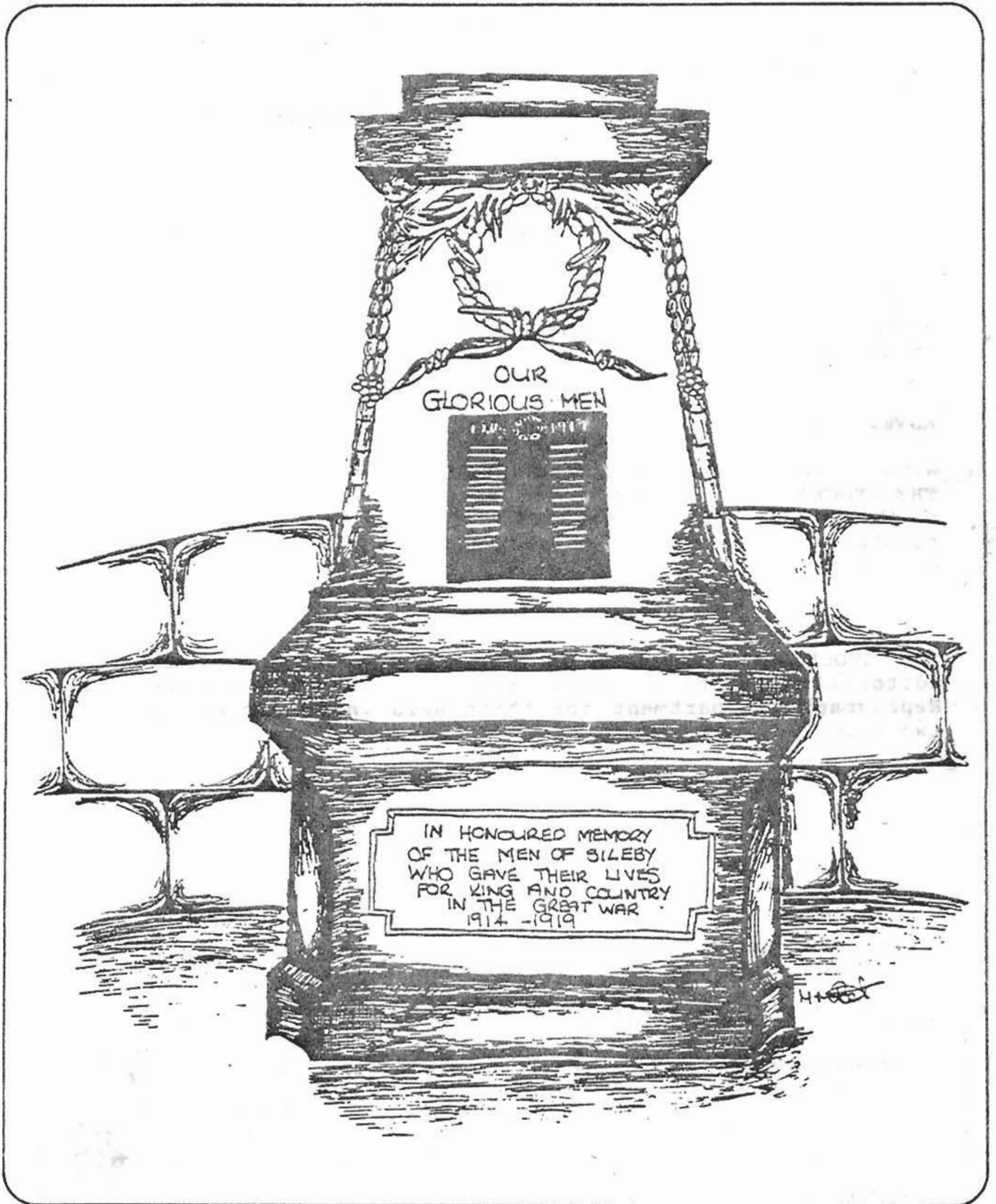


THE STOCKADE



ISSUE 2: *Sileby Community Magazine*

The cover for this issue has been drawn by Helen Root and shows the War Memorial which is situated in the park.

Thanks go to everyone who has helped ensure that Issue 2 of **THE STOCKADE** arrives through your letter box. The community magazine is produced, written and distributed by volunteers and all costs are covered by the generous support of our local businesses through their advertising. Read the advertisements in this issue and you'll be surprised when you realise how much is available in and around the village. Please mention **THE STOCKADE** when using these services.

The closing date for submissions for the third edition of **THE STOCKADE** is 31 October - with distribution during the first week of December. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to contribute articles or artwork. Please leave your submissions at Wright's the Butchers or Powderly's Chemist (both in the High Street)

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EDITORIAL

By now you will all have received your copy of the 1st edition of THE STOCKADE. Many thanks to those who did such a marvellous job of distribution and printing. The newsletter was in general well received with no real complaints or criticisms received apart from one or two spelling mistakes.

As there is to be a By-Election on the 19th of September to fill the vacancy created by the leaving of Mrs. C. Boneham we are pleased to think that at least 10 people read the article on The Role of The Parish Council.

Vandalism has again reared it's ugly head. The newly erected play equipment in the Memorial Park has been vandalised in that all the tyres have been removed.

To the people responsible for this damage we would like to ask

1) why do you do it?

2) Does it make you feel big?

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THE ROLE OF THE PARISH COUNCILLOR

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A councillor has to represent the area and cannot afford to neglect its needs or ignore issues that arise within the area. This means that even if the councillor does not agree with what is being requested, it must be dealt with. Where an individual raises an issue, the councillor must not take sides in anything which is purely private.

A councillor must try and ensure that the administration of the council is both fair and efficient. A councillor must not only deal with the present problems, but should look to see what facilities would benefit the village in the future. They should also be prepared to listen to any opinions, views etc. that parishioners may express and take these into account when casting his or her vote on the issue.

There are, of course, obligations and restrictions relating to the work of a parish councillor. The two most frequently raised ones relate to a) attendance and b) access to information.

- a) If a parish councillor fails to attend any meetings for a period of **SIX MONTHS** they will cease to be a parish councillor unless absence is for a reason approved by the council. Attendance at committee or sub committee meeting counts as attendance, as does attendance at a joint committee, joint board or other body discharging the functions of the council or as representative of the council at another body.
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Our congratulations to the editorial committee on producing such an excellent first edition of "THE STOCKADE". The need for such a community magazine had long been identified by the parish council and we were pleased to help sponsor the first edition. With its present enthusiasm we hope it will be in existence for all time but, of course, its success depends on you to provide articles of interest, news, and opinions etc. But we are sure the editorial committee will express that elsewhere.

Through our limited powers, the parish council has over the recent years endeavoured to improve the community areas which it is responsible for, ie. the Memorial Park and play areas, the cemetery and the Community Centre.

Improvements have already been made in the cemetery, several footpaths have been resurfaced, the cemetery chapel made weatherproof and tree planting has been carried out to enhance the area. In the Memorial Park the footpaths and the car park have been re-surfaced and three seats and litter bins have been installed. A hexagonal swing and swinging tyre for the older children. These have proved to be an enormous success and appear to be in constant use every day.

We have now embarked on our most ambitious project to date, which provides play equipment for the younger children on the existing play area of the park. This will include a complex unit of slides, rope bridges, ramps, fireman's poles etc., together with bark safety surfacing, all designed to entertain boisterous youngsters. To compliment this, we hope to install fencing around the play area, together with seating and litter bins and eventually provide safety surfacing beneath the existing play equipment.

Christmas lighting in the High Street and King Street was another recent innovative idea that we have extended and improved and we are much admired by residents and visitors from neighbouring villages.

Of course, all these things cost money and we are indebted to local businesses and financial institutions for their assistance in funding these projects.

So, as you can see, we are not sitting on our laurels when it comes to improving the areas of the village that we are responsible for, but you may also have equally excellent ideas for areas of improvement or provision of new facilities. Don't be afraid to tell us. Speak to your parish councillor, as listed in issue No 1 of "THE STOCKADE" or write to us via the parish clerk:- Beverly Burton, 79 Homefield Road, or come along to our parish council meetings held every third Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. You will be most welcome.

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 - 1 level tblsp. tomato puree
 - 1 tsp. castor sugar
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 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1/4 caraway seeds (optional)
 - 3/4 lb cooked chicken - cut up
 - 1 carton natural yogurt
- serve with potatoes or boiled rice

METHOD

1. Fry onion and green pepper in oil and butter until soft.
2. Remove from heat and stir in paprika, flour, puree and sugar.
3. Gradually blend in stock and caraway seeds. Cook sauce until it thickens
4. Add chicken and yogurt. Gently re-heat 5 mins.

Recipe submitted by Joan Gamble.

COOK'S TIP.

If you put a lemon in hot water for about 5 minutes you will get more juice from it when squeezed.

Please send your cook's tip and original recipe to us for inclusion in this hopefully regular spot.

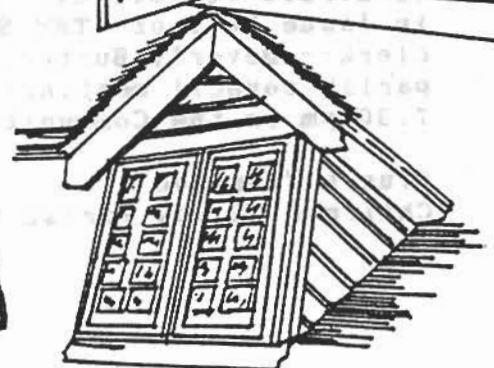
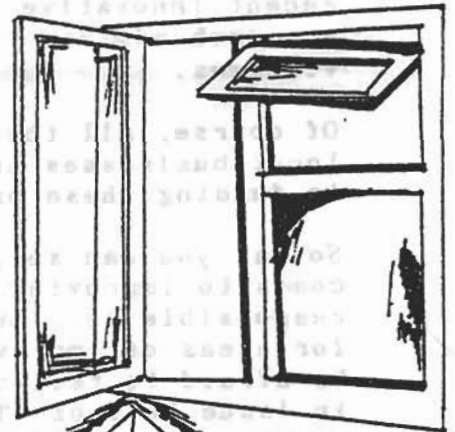
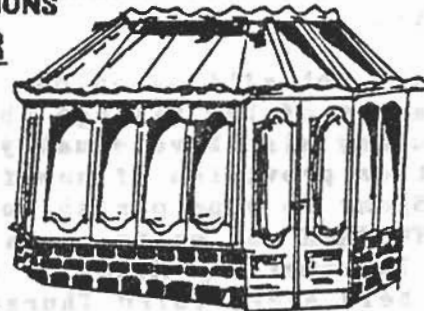
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SILEBY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Sileby Photographic Society is probably the least known of the village organisations. It was founded in 1954 by a group of local businessmen and for the first few years met at the St. John's Ambulance rooms in Kings street. For over thirty years it has met on most Monday evenings at The Village Institute, off Cossington Road and has had an average membership of around 50. The meetings are of a varied nature designed to cater for all aspects of photography and the programme includes :-

Competitions for advanced, Intermediate and Beginners with the work being judged by eminent Midlands photographers.

Lectures by members from their various holidays and photographic expeditions, and by some of the best guest speakers from across the Midlands.

Practical evenings and discussions when experienced members pass on their tips to beginners.

Outings to varied photographic locations.

and the Annual Exhibition

The first Exhibition was a one day affair and continued as such for the first few years. It then grew, first, to a three day event and since the early seventies into a week long exhibition. The Exhibition gives the members the opportunity to display the best of their years work - both prints and colour slides. Thus they can compare with the work of invited Societies from the surrounding counties who compete for print and slide trophies.

At the beginning of each year a subject is selected for The Exhibition slide show and most of the members contribute towards this. The subject for the 1991 Exhibition is "Charnwood" and this follows previous titles such as "The Vale of Belvoir", "Discovering Rutland", "Forgotten Leicestershire", "The Four Seasons", "Fun and Games" and "The Natural World".

This year The Exhibition is being held from Monday 21st October until Saturday 26th October at The Village Institute, from 7.00pm Monday to Friday and from 2.30pm on the Saturday. Slide shows will be projected every session and there will be more than 300 colour and black and white prints on display including some of 'Old Sileby'

Admission is £1.20 Adult, 60p senior citizens and junior, but if you present this article about the Society at the door it will entitle you to half price admission.

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A HISTORY OF SILEBY'S PARADE AND GALA

Saturday 3 August is the date which the Sileby Gala took place this year. Few people know that the first Sileby parade took place on a Saturday afternoon in the year 1908. The reason for the parade and how it came about was found by looking at notes written by the late Arthur Trasler, who will be remembered by many people as the secretary of the Sileby Fancy Dress parade, 40 years ago. At this time, there was in Sileby an organisation known as the Sileby Mens' Adult School.

Unfortunately few people remember this, as it was closed a few years ago due to lack of support. Meetings for men only were held on Sunday mornings. Similar organisations were formed in surrounding areas such as Barrow upon Soar, Mountsorrel, Syston and Loughborough.

The main reason for the introduction of the mens' adult school in Sileby and possibly for similar organisations was to help men to read and write. In addition, these mens' meetings had various speakers who visited them to talk about all sorts of subjects. One of these speakers was a man by the name of H Woolley, who was the secretary of the Saturday hospital fund. He explained to the school how the scheme helped the Leicester Royal Infirmary. The Saturday hospital scheme was accepted by Sileby and so began, but the Sileby school wanted to do more! A small committee was formed by the members, who then organised a fancy dress parade to take place on a Saturday afternoon. This is the reason for the one held in 1908. There were two brass bands who alternated in leading the parade each year. Many people turned out and the gala was a huge success. The sum raised on the first occasion was fourteen pounds nine shillings and threepence. There was no increase on the second year, but by year three there had been an increase to sixteen pounds fourteen and seven pence. The sum continued to increase over the years, and by year six the sum totalled £40. By 1916, £60 was raised and sent to the Royal Infirmary.

The gala had now become an established event, and was moved from Saturday afternoon to Whit Monday. The parade was known as the Adult School Parade and Demonstration. This name never changed, although suggestions were made to the committee to do so. Around this time a gentleman by the name of Harry Johnson, who was governor and secretary to the Royal Infirmary, made a challenge to the committee. The challenge was to raise £1000 in the space of ten years. It was taken up and gave such an impetus that the thousand pounds was raised in six years and by ten years, nearly another £1000 had been raised. This money was to endow a bed at the infirmary known as the SILEBY BED. Other villages started similar schemes. £100 was raised in 1917, £180 in 1918, and totals of £240 and £265 followed. The total continued to increase annually until during the last war, when £1000 was raised in 12 months. In total, we sent between £11000 and £12000 to Leicester Royal Infirmary. Much effort was needed to do this, including dances, whist nights and raffles during the winter months. There are now eleven beds in the Royal Infirmary which stand as a permanent memorial to the generosity and work of the people of Sileby.

as told by Mr Charlie Dakin to Mandy White

PARADE AND GALA 1991

The Parade and Gala Committee would like to thank everyone involved in the 1991 Gala for making it a resounding success. Sileby is one of only a few villages who still hold an annual Parade and far from dying out ours is attracting more floats each year - well done Sileby!!

This years attendance was estimated at 5000 plus and on the day the total take was over £2400!

Sileby's very own Florrie and Ada opened the Gala with one of their wonderfully witty routines and our four Gala Princesses (Elizabeth Thompson, Kay Higgs, Keelie Christie, and Hayley Auld) presented the prizes.

The results of the various competitions are as follows:-

Best Float	1st	Methodist Pre-school Group	- English summer holiday
	2nd	Brownies	- Clowns
Best Pair		Vickey Caddock & Emma Pruden	- Meals on wheels
Best Group		Footballers	- Cheerleaders
Adults Fancy Dress	1st	Violet Armstrong	- Crinoline Lady
	2nd	Thomas Buxton	- Thomas of Heathcote
Under 7's	1st	Emma Walker	- Sweet Pea
	2nd	Daniel Lewin	- Post Box
	3rd	Samantha Cotterill	- Queen of Hearts
Under 10's	1st	Vicky Jones	- Betty Bassett
	2nd	Kerry Junkowski	- Punk Rocker
	3rd	Felicity Smith	- Candy Girl
Under 15's	1st	Steven Green	- Zulu Warrior
	2nd	Kellie Stocks	- Calamity the Clown
	3rd	Charlene Payne	- Cinderella
Baby Show	0 - 6 Months	1st Thomas Michael Smullen	
		2nd Ruth d'Andilly-Clune	
		3rd Ami Louise Springthorpe	
	6 - 12 Months	1st Lisa Geraldine Smith	
		2nd Callum Wilkinson	
		3rd Siana Poole	
	12 - 18 Months	1st Callum Thomas Singleton	
		2nd Elizabeth Ward	
		3rd James Taylor	

Overall Winner - Lisa Geraldine Smith

The committee wish to apologise for the delay and confusion at the start of the baby show. We realize many mums and babies were kept waiting for a long time in very hot weather and we will ensure that this does not happen again next year.

Dog Show Best in Show Wagg - a Welsh Terrier
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FLORRIE AND ADA

"Florrie and Ada" have been looking back over the thirty years they have been entertaining. It started very casually with a spot in a Variety Concert at the Village Institute. Since then it has grown, by word of mouth, no advertising and no charge, till they are quite famous locally. Many charity shows have benefited from their performances. They have performed at Lincoln Theatre, De Monfort Hall, Phoenix Theatre, Stanford Hall and Loughborough Town Hall, not as yet at the Haymarket! They have made many appearances on Radio Leicester, in fact their popularity is mainly due to John Florence and the Radio Leicester team. The Leicester Mercury has featured them twice recently in full page covers.

Because of this they have appeared on Central Television. Over the thirty years they have performed at silver weddings, ruby weddings, golden weddings, Rotary clubs, Inner Wheels, Handicapped groups and almost all Townswomens groups in Leicestershire. If they have given pleasure to lots of people, it is matched by the pleasure they have received in return. They have recently opened a shop in Leicester and on occasions presented prizes. This year they will have opened the Sileby Parade and Gala. Over the years they have made numerous friends and would like to take this opportunity of thanking Sileby people for their support and affection over the last thirty years.

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Last year, during 'The Charnwood Arts Festival Week', Sileby Community Centre was one of the venues for The New Prospective Touring Company's production called 'The Secret Diaries of Hilda Mustard'. Not an inspiring title you may think - but the play was very enjoyable and the acting of an extremely high standard. Those of us who attended had a good evenings' entertainment, for a fraction of the effort of going to the Haymarket.

Unfortunately, the audience consisted of about 40 people which, under normal circumstances, would have meant a considerable financial loss to the Parish Council. This did not occur due to the full grant given to the Arts festival. To make this event worthwhile we would be looking at an audience of at least 100 people, which should surely be attainable in a village the size of Sileby.

I am keen to see more productions brought to the village, possibly on a regular basis and feel with suitable plays and publicity we could make it viable.

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This year up until July, 27 cars have been stolen and 31 cars have been broken into in Sileby. With certain measures taken by individuals, this number could be reduced.

- Try not to leave valuables in your car.
- Don't leave your car in a isolated position
- Leave your car in a well lit area if possible
- Consider using one of the many security devices on the market, it only takes seconds for your car to be broken into.

There are lots of different types of car alarms available and several types of locks that can also be fitted. The old fashioned Krooklock, the Steering Wheel lock, the Handbrake and Gear lever lock can all be purchased from local shops and can be a relatively inexpensive way of deterring the car thief.

**** Most people think it won't happen to them. ****

PARKING

With the increased amount of cars on the roads, parking problems become more apparent. Cars that park on double yellow lines not only commit an offence but cause danger to other vehicles and members of the public.

Several car owners have taken to parking their car on the pavement, which is an offence and causes problems for those in wheelchairs, those pushing pushchairs and prams and also for blind people. Warning notices have been posted around the village with reference to parking offences.

Sileby has a large car park in the centre of the village and there is no reason to park on double yellow lines or the zig zag lines on the pedestrian crossing on the High Street.

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THE VILLAGE GRIPE

I am disgusted with the lack of play facilities for the children of our village. Sileby Park provides little for any child, but the younger ones in particular lack a decent play area. The concrete and tarmac surfaces surrounding the few play items that remain are surely dangerous and the raised concrete blocks, the concrete posts edging the playground, the damaged bench as well as the uneven surface, all make the whole area uninviting as well as unsafe. The steep, open bank down to the stream must also spell danger for any toddler and should be fenced off to prevent the possibility of accidents.

Surely it would be worthwhile to provide the younger members of our community with somewhere to play that is more imaginatively designed and constructed and with safety as a priority:-

- proper surfaces that are safe for children
- more play items such as a slide, a see-saw, and climbing frame
- more benches for supervising adults

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(Name and address supplied)

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- 3) Sighuld (the original name was Sighulds-by meaning Sighuld's Stockade
- 4) 1914
- 5) Swan Amchem
- 6) Mrs. Betty Crick
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Once again, its time for the Sileby 9 mile run and fun day when runners from near and far will be returning to Sileby to see if this year will be lucky for them. It is certainly lucky for Sileby St John. When we first thought of the run it was to fund major repairs to the roof. For the first two years it was just the run, then we added the fun day with entertainment for young and old and stalls from which organisations and charities in the village can raise money for their own needs. The 9 mile run is "hard but good" - that is why a lot of the runners come back year after year from such places as London, Bristol, Derby, Sheffield and Nottingham not forgetting Barrow and Shepshed runners.

The 4 miler is an easy run for those who do not want to run 9 miles but are still dedicated runners. The highlight of the afternoon is the 2 mile fun run when mums, dads and children of all ages give their best to finish to get a certificate and say "I did it" and then collect their sponsorship money for their favourite charity. All this is only possible with the support of the village and good weather. We can't do anything about the weather - only hope - but the support of the village is in your hands, so come along to the **Memorial Park on Sunday 15 September** (its open all day from 10.30 am) and cheer the runners home and enjoy the entertainment.

Run entry forms can be obtained from Mr M Donoghue, 68 Greedon Rise, Sileby, telephone Sileby 3601.

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Our meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at the Community Centre, High Street commencing at 7.30 pm and anyone wishing to come along and see what we do would be made most welcome. At our meetings we have a variety of speakers and slide shows, followed by refreshments and a friendly social half hour when you will get to know other members.

Our group was formed some 35 years ago and has had a thriving membership ever since. There is no restriction on age - members range from young mums in their 20's to the over 80's. We also have many varied outings during the year including theatre trips, skittles, rambles etc. and also quite a few trips to restaurants - which don't do much for our figures!


Each year we go to London, mainly to attend the National Townswomens Guild Carol Service, held at St Martin in the Field, which is combined with Christmas shopping and seeing the sights of London.

Throughout the year, we raise money for charity, both national and local and last year were able to give £500 to the Leicester Lord Mayor's Laser Appeal followed by a tour of the Town Hall in Leicester which was most enjoyable.

Our main event of the year is the annual Variety Concert presented by our Music Group. This is a very popular event and due to the demand for tickets now runs for three nights - this year on 17 18 and 19 of October at the Village Institute, starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets are just £1.50 (£1 for children) and will be available from Andrews' in the High Street from September onwards, or by telephoning Janice Price on Sileby 3197.

The last few concerts have been a sell out, so be sure and get your tickets early - anyone who has been before will tell you what an enjoyable evening you will have - we look forward to seeing you.

Our Music Group has also entertained other organisations including Sileby Hall and friends of Roecliffe Manor. If anyone wishes more details, please ring our Music chairman Mrs Gina Doore on Sileby 3905. If you wish to have more details on the Townswomens Guild, please contact our chairman Mrs Joan Lovett on Sileby 3751 or our secretary Mrs Joan Morris on Sileby 2461.

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SILEBY CHARITIES

Too few people in Sileby know about the various charities of the village. To be a little more explicit:- 'Charity' means in the biblical sense "care and respect for one's fellow citizens", not the Victorian interpretation of handing a few coppers to a pauper.

In past centuries, rich people considered it a duty to pass on some of their wealth to others. So it was with certain inhabitants of Sileby. There is an interesting record of the numerous charities of Sileby on a large board at the West End of St Mary's Church. Some of these charities were quite small by our modern standards and have died out owing to changing social and economic conditions, but they give a glimpse into the lifestyle of Sileby of yesteryear.

The charities which still exist are listed below and are all registered with the Charities Commission. In Sileby the Charities Committee is appointed by the Parish Council, but acts quite independently of the Council. Committee members are not necessarily members of any council and are usually chosen for their local knowledge of people and their general social conditions. Great care is taken to ensure that religious denominations or party political considerations are avoided.

The Charities which the committee administers are as follows:-

1. The William Lane Charity
Founded in 1639 by the will of William Lane. Revenue mainly from 17.5 acres of land on Cotes Road, Barrow upon Soar.
2. Oswin or Ainsworth Charity 1655
Based on a levy on land at Sileby.
3. Bents Charity
Based on Indenture of will in 20th year of Charles 1st.
Charge upon land at Sileby.
4. Barnards Charity
Charges upon Water Mill at Sileby.
5. G A Burton Charity 1931
By the will of the late G A Burton Esq.
Interest from treasury stock.
6. J A Newbold Charity 1931
By the will of the late J A Newbold Esq.
Money invested in Securities
7. The Pochin Charity

Total income for the charities for 1990/1991 was £742.00. All distributed as instructed by the various instructions detailed in the various wills.

The William Lane Charity

William Lane was a local lad who moved to London and became a Merchant Tailor and head of the London Guild of Merchant Tailors. In his will dated 1639, he left £100 to be invested in land, the revenue from which was to be divided twice yearly to five of the "ancientest and decayed" men of the village, plus an equal share to the Vicar, on condition that he preached a sermon on the anniversary of his funeral and six months later i.e. 16 January and 16 July of each year. This is done quite regularly. William Lane is buried at St Giles, Cripplegate, London.

William Lane also bequeathed money to St. Mary's for a Chalice and Paten for use in the Communion Service. This is still put to use from time to time.

Except for the Lane's Charity which is vested in land, the purchasing value of the charities has greatly diminished. All remaining charities are fixed sums which were of considerable value at the time of their creation, but owing to inflation are now greatly diminished in value e.g. even in the last 50 years, the value of £1 has devalued from a quarter of a labourers wage to the value of less than two loaves of bread, which is a lesson if you have any money invest in land or property!

The members of the Charity Committee at present are:-

Mr W Preston - Chairman
Mr C A Roberts
Mr J Whittington
Mr C Dakin
Mrs M Robinson
Mrs B Burton - Clerk to the Trustees

There is also another Charity which can be of great benefit to the younger members of the community, based in Loughborough. Any person, under the age of 25 and living within 5 miles of Loughborough Town Hall (Sileby Parish is 3.69 miles), may apply for a 'Grant in Aid' to the trustees of the Joseph Clarke Foundation, for assistance in education or learning a profession (eg. books, tools, travel etc). Apply to the Trustees in writing:-

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GRAVEL EXTRACTION - ANOTHER BLIGHT ON SILEBY?

Those of you who spend time walking the footpaths around the village will be aware of the new gravel extraction work taking place in the fields between Cossington Road & the river Soar. Although this has been on the cards for some years it was still a shock when Wanlip Gravel moved in two months ago and started work. The field being worked on at present has had all its vegetation removed; the top soil has been dumped in a huge mound at one corner and this once beautiful area, where cattle & horses grazed amongst the grasses & wild flowers, looks like a tip. However, the extraction process is under way now & the gravel, which has been present in the field since its deposition during the ice age, is exposed & soon to be removed from the site.

Let us hope that Leicestershire County Council, who give permission for mineral extractions, are overseeing the work to ensure both long & short term environmental damage will be minimised. They should insist upon the early reinstatement of the footpaths & ensure that as little damage as possible is done to the mature trees & established hedgerows.

Although gravel extraction in the Soar Valley has taken place for some years now, these new workings herald the start within the boundaries of Sileby. Permission for gravel to be removed from this area was given some time ago so we as villagers have no rights to stop the extraction (even if we wanted to) nor do we have any say in what state the area will be left in once the gravel company has finished with it. Our Parish Council will however be watching events & have two representatives, Gordon Ward & Janis Bishop on the Wanlip Gravel Liaison Committee where problems & concerns can hopefully be aired & sorted out with the extraction company.

Within the next few months we as a village will have the chance to let our views be known during the deposit period of a NEW MINERAL LOCAL PLAN, which has been drawn up by Leicestershire County Council. If passed the plan becomes official, allowing gravel extraction companies to remove minerals from five new sites in Leicestershire one of which is a very large area in Sileby from Barrow Road to the River Soar. (see map)

Due to planning procedures, it is assumed by the County Council that if a member of the public does not write to object to the Draft Written Statement within the deposit period (which is from August to the end of September this year) then they are happy to allow extraction in the areas specified; therefore it is extremely important for everyone in Sileby to consider the proposals and make written comments to the County Council.

To help you understand the MINERAL LOCAL PLAN more clearly, the Parish Council have arranged a PUBLIC MEETING at 7.30pm on TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER at SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE, where Mineral experts from County Hall will be giving a presentation to show how the proposals would affect us in Sileby. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions.

Our County Councillor, Mr Raymond Mason & our MP, Mr Stephen Dorrell have publicly voiced their disapproval of the proposed plans for Sileby & our Parish Council will be supporting their views. The Council for the Protection of Rural England & the Leicestershire Footpath Association have sent their objections to County Hall. Save Our Sileby will be submitting their objection to the plans during the deposit period.

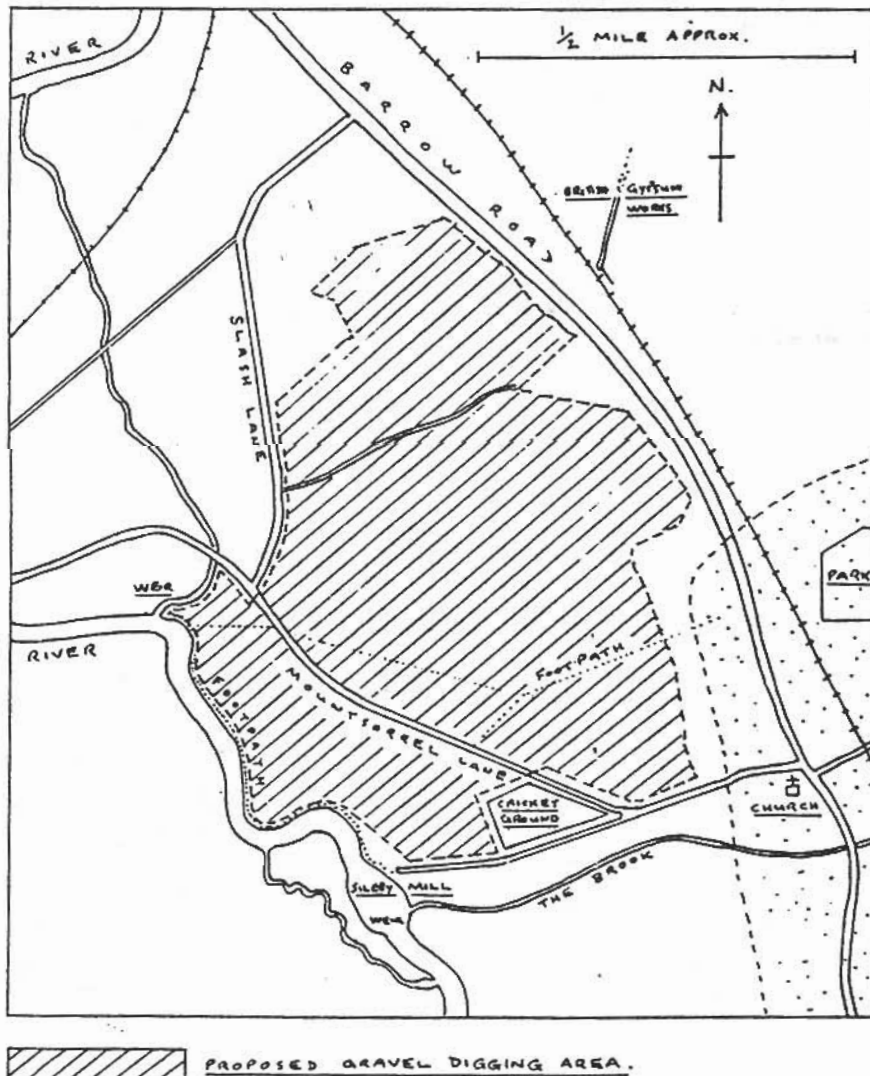
Your written comments on the Draft Statement are important, and are most definitely given consideration by the authorities. All correspondence should be entitled:

"THE DRAFT WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE MINERAL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW - SILEBY"

and addressed to:

MR. T.W. THOMPSON,
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION,
LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL,
COUNTY HALL,
GLENFIELD,
LEICESTER,
LE3 8RJ.

If you have any questions you can telephone Nigel Hunt at County hall on Leicester 323232



SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1. The area in Sileby proposed for mineral extraction is very large and includes the surroundings of Sileby Mill and an important stretch of the Soar valley. This area is extremely attractive having an abundance of natural vegetation & wildlife, including herons, families of swans, ducks, moorhens, & coots as well as Yellow Hammers & Woodpeckers.
2. Sileby has far less than the recommended informal recreation area for a village of its size. It is therefore important to retain this area which is used frequently for leisure activities such as walking, fishing, & boating. These facilities will either be removed or the pleasant surroundings destroyed if extraction is permitted. It should also be remembered that many visitors and holidaymakers enjoy and value this beautiful stretch of water.
3. The approach to the village along Mountsorrel Lane is extremely picturesque and any plans to destroy this should be severely questioned. The amount of noise, dirt and inconvenience to the village which will undoubtedly be with us for a long time must also be taken into consideration.
4. Sileby over the past 10 years has been exploited in every direction with no improvements to the village. Surely it is time the tide turned?
British Gypsum whilst visually intruding on the village and undermining us gives no benefit of employment.
We see the ruination of the Soar Valley as the new A6 by-pass is constructed with no enhancement to Sileby.
Sileby experiences the noise of constant railway movement but does not have the benefit of a station.
We have lost massive areas of our open countryside to housing developments and been threatened with a lot more, far in excess of our need, with no increase in leisure facilities or park area.
The present state of our village must be considered by those in authority with the real need and volume of the available minerals weighed against the effect on the village and its inhabitants.
5. Do we want yet another lake as a result of the extraction work? or a pit filled with rubbish likely to surface in a few years time? Surely it is better to retain what nature has taken hundreds of years to develop.

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On 4 May 1840, the Leicester to Nottingham section was opened to the public. A train comprising four first class and six second class coaches left Nottingham on a cold 5 May, passing through Sileby on its way to Leicester, where a large crowd gathered to see the train return to Loughborough at 7.30 am, arriving at 8.00 am where a large crowd was waiting to welcome it.

Just over a year later, on the 5 July 1841, the first ever train excursion in the history of the world passed through Sileby. This was Thomas Cook's pioneering excursion from Leicester to Loughborough, for a Temperance Rally in Southfields Park, the home of a Mr Paget. The return fare was 1/- (5p).

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In 1840, the revolutionary "Penny Post" was introduced by Rowland Hill which made writing letters much easier and more popular among the general public.

In the census returns of 1841 when the population was 1,473, houses were not numbered, but by 1871 the census returns show a population of 1,766 and the houses with street numbers. The streets had all been numbered starting from St Mary's Church, with the odd numbers on the left and even numbers on the right.

On 1 May 1875, a branch of the Post Office was opened in Sileby, at the top end of High Street, (on the site of the present Pet Shop) it had a Savings Bank and Money Order office. A petition to the Post Master General was made in February 1875, signed by many parishioners, for more extensive services. The first Postmaster was Mr William Burgess, who was also a schoolmaster.

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Saturday 21st The Banks Surgery Open Day 10.30 am -
12.30 pm

October

Monday 11th Start of Sileby General Knowledge Quiz League
Details in local pubs

Thursday 17th }
Friday 18th } Sileby Townswomens Guild Concert At the
Saturday 19th } Village Institute.

Monday 21st }
to } Sileby Photographic Society Exhibition
Saturday 26th } Village Institute
Mon - Fri from 7.00 pm. Sat from 2.30 pm.

If you are arranging any public event in the village please write the details in the diary kept in the Library. We will use any information for the diary, so you will have free publicity to everyone in the village.

SILEBY HALL CENTENARY WEEK

In the week commencing June 10th Sileby Hall celebrated it's centenary week. Despite the bad weather it was very successful. Our thanks must go to the many people who helped us and gave their services free of charge.

These include David Drain, Sileby Townswomens Guild, Billy Bush, the Quorn Folk Dance Group and not forgetting the very popular Florrie and Ada who not only entertained us on Monday, but who were kind enough to open our Garden Fete on the Saturday afternoon.

We must also thank the many people who donated the prizes for our raffle etc.

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