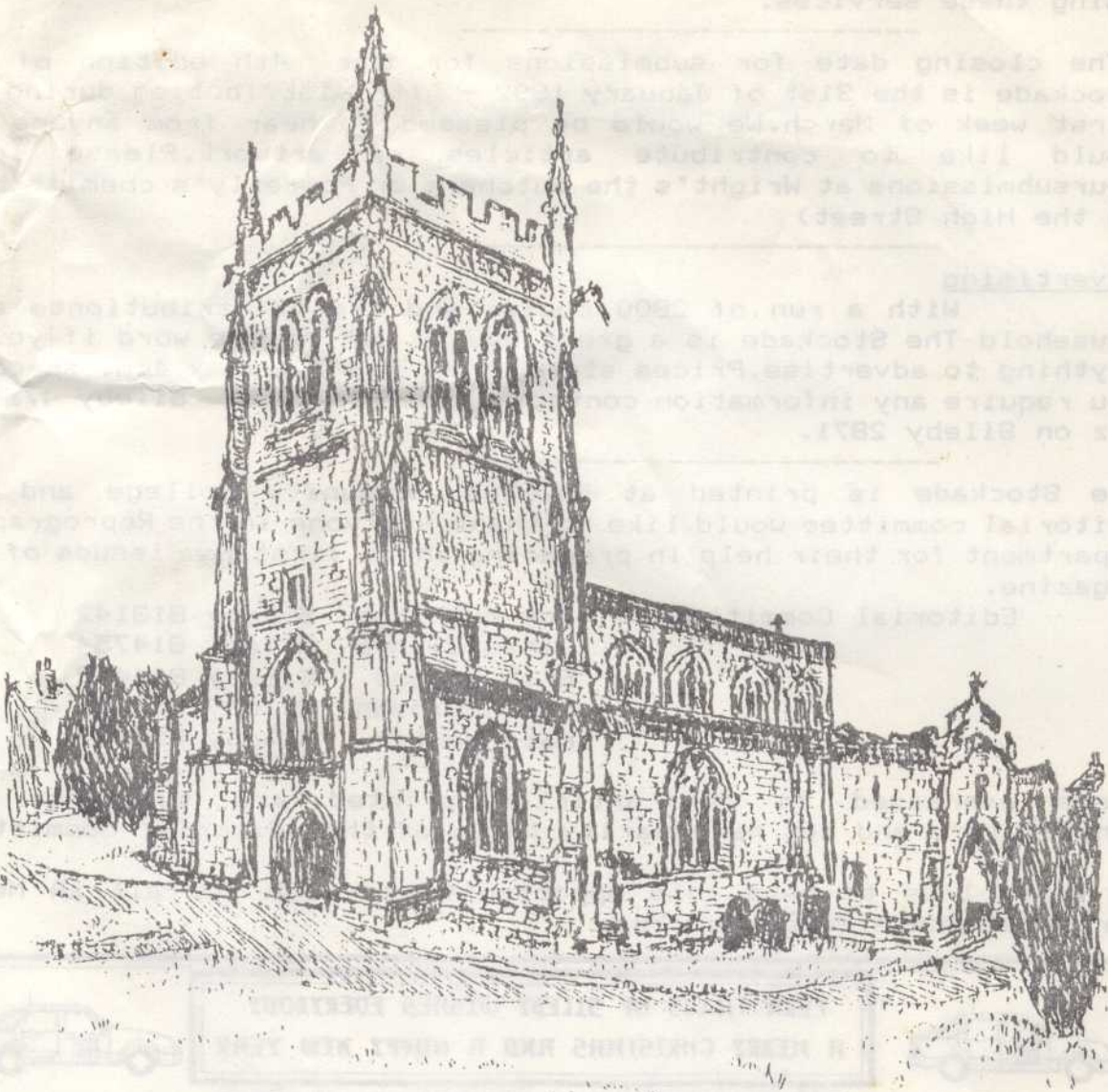


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Thanks go to everyone who has helped ensure this bumper edition of The Stockade arrives through your letter box. The community magazine is produced, written and distributed by volunteers and all costs are covered by donations and the generous support of our local businesses through their advertising. Read the advertisements in this issue and you'll be suprised 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 4th edition of The Stockade is the 31st of January 1992 - with distribution during the first week of March. 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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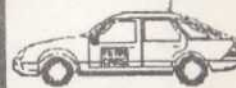
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## EDITORIAL

since the last edition of The Stockade we have received many more articles from the people of the village and a great deal of support from local businesses. Many thanks.

The Parish Council meets in January to set the precept for the year 1992/1993, so if there is any thing that you would like to see that the Parish Council can provide now is the time to tell your councillor. Don't leave it till after the meeting it may be too late for the coming financial year

Following on from the article about a Travelling Theatre, The Stockade has organised a performance by The Royal Theatre Touring Company to visit the village "See the advert"

We have obtained a copy of the pamphlet entitled "SILEBY - MEMORIAL PARK AND GARDENS" more about this in the next edition. However for those who wish to have a list of all those who served in the Two World wars copies can be ordered from Wright's the Butchers in the High Street.



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# SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S JOTTINGS.

"Just when you thought it was safe to relax, the horror returns", as they say in the horror movies. But this is no "Nightmare on Elm Street II" for just when the threat of a massive housing development and relief road in the village has been beaten off, a new threat appears in the form of gravel extraction and the destruction of valuable and unique meadow land. The county council's reasoning for inclusion of the area in their draft (or is it daft?) proposals is based on the assumption that gravel exists there in viable quantities and that, as no objections were received the last time it was included in the plan, then no objections would be received this time. Well, judging by the response at the recent public meeting, they have greatly misjudged the people of Sileby and whilst finding us battle-scarred we are far from weary. The parish council have made it clear that they see no justification for the proposals to be included in the plan and fully support views and opinions of the villagers. The closing date for receipt of objections to County Hall may have been the end of October but there is nothing to stop you from sending in letters of objection after that date. Make sure that you let them know exactly how you feel about the proposals.

Following the successful installation of the new children's play equipment on the Memorial Park, I personally find it very disheartening to receive comments and letters of complaint about the noise and nuisance made by the children enjoying the equipment. Surprisingly, children do make a noise and they can be a nuisance but it's worth remembering that the park was provided for the recreation and enjoyment of all Sileby residents and all the equipment recently installed has provided a facility that has been sadly lacking for many years. Fortunately, favourable comments have far outweighed the negative ones and hopefully we will continue to improve the park and make it into a superb park that the people of Sileby justly deserve.

In an age where it is difficult to get "Owt for Nowt", elderly residents will be pleased to hear that the Parish Council will provide and install security door-chains to front doors totally free of charge. This service has been available for a number of years but few have taken advantage of the offer. If you would like one, just contact Mrs. Beverly Burton, the Parish Clerk, on Sileby 813075.

Forthcoming attractions in the village to make a note of include the next Parish Council surgeries which will be held on 7th December 1991 and 11th January 1992 at 10.30am. in the community centre, High Street. Two Parish Councillors will be available to discuss with you any problems relating to the Parish. We will of course be pleased to pass on for you any problems that relate to the Borough or County Council.

Finally, on 13th December at 6.30pm. the village carol service and switching on of the Christmas lights will take place in St. Martins Walk adjacent to Dudley's Bridge, followed by refreshments and mince pies in the Community Centre. The charity collection this year will be for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and gift stalls will be present together with, hopefully on display, a Class 'D' inflatable lifeboat. We hope you will be able to come along and enjoy this annual village event.

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Save Our Sileby, the group which was originally formed in 1990 to front the fight against the plans to build a "relief road" and mass housing in our village, has emerged again; this time to oppose the proposed inclusion of 235 acres of land off Mountsorrel Lane, Sileby in the Leicestershire Draft Minerals Plan.

S.O.S. is committed to doing all it can to prevent the devastation of this area which bounds our village and has sent a letter, detailing our opposition to the Department of Planning and Transportation at County Hall. We would encourage all parishioners of Sileby to acquaint themselves with the proposals and let the County Council, Parish Council, your local MP and your local County Councillor (and S.O.S.) know of any views you have on the matter. As was shown at the Public Meeting held at the Community Centre, feeling would seem to be strongly against this further attack on our village.

The balance of funds which were raised during the fight against the "relief road" etc last year has been banked and part of this has been used to purchase car/window stickers announcing our opposition to the Draft Mineral Plan for Sileby. If you would like one of these stickers, they are available from:-

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## SILEBY'S HALL OF FAME

When you are next watching snooker on your television, cast your eyes away from the table and the players and have a look at the referee. Do you recognise him? If you think you have seen him around our village then it will be Alan Chamberlain. When Alan is not globe-trotting in his capacity as a professional, top-class snooker referee, he's a Sileby resident. He was born and bred in Leicestershire at Market Harborough and moved here three years ago because of our central location within Britain (or the World?). Our intrepid reporters Mandy White and Amy Richardson caught up with Alan at his home between engagements and we discovered the following:-

Alan's big break came in 1985 when he scored for the famous BBC-2 Pot Black programme. However his interest began over 20 years ago when he discovered there were no professional snooker referees in Leicestershire. He contacted snooker officials and decided to pursue his ambitions. Over the next 12 years he sat the necessary qualifying exams to become a professional referee and has since become an examiner in his own right.

In his professional capacity he has visited many places, both home and abroad, from Sheffield to Delhi, Reading to Bangkok, Hong Kong to Manchester and many European venues - all by way of Sileby! His ambition is to referee in the U.S.A. although snooker there has yet to gain in popularity. During his recent visit to India, with the World's leading Billiards players, Alan was the one person to be recognised by the general public. His most memorable visit abroad was to Dubai where he and the players were treated like Royalty. They were given the use of a private jet and received V.I.P. status at the airport. During his visits he tries to find time for sightseeing.

His work has involved him with all the top class players, many of whom have become friends, and earlier this year he and Steve Davis organised an exhibition in Paris. His involvement in work for charities has brought him in contact with the likes of Gary Lineker and Frank Bruno.

Refereeing has its lighter moments and Alan has witnessed some unusual happenings! In one tense match the spectators were treated to the sight of a stalker rushing through the auditorium! On another occasion Alan was given the opportunity to make his debut as a professional snooker player when handed a cue by a disillusioned competitor but it is rumoured the pay wasn't good enough! He has also been known to mix up the names of competitors much to their amusement and his own embarrassment.

As well as snooker Alan is interested in many sports, particularly cricket and table tennis.

If there are any budding Snooker referees out there Alan suggests they contact the Control Council through any Snooker club.

We would like to continue this feature page in future editions so let's hear about more of our Sileby celebrities past and present.



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The members participate in various competitions and only recently 2 girls from the Youth Centre reached the Midland Final of the Oxo Cooking Championships held in Warwickshire where they received prizes and certificates. Some of the boys won trophies only last week for getting to the Leicestershire Boys Club 4-a-side football finals. Over the years Sileby Young People have won many trophies and certificates for various competitions and we hope this success will continue.

Future activities planned at the club are trips to various venues and competitions galore, including 5 - a - side football, badminton, canoe racing, fit in mind and body, quizzes, arts and crafts etc.

Over the last week the club has been fund raising for equipment. At the time of this community newspaper going to press it is not known exactly how much the Youth Centre has raised. We did raise £112.58 for a fancy dress pub collection and we would like to thank the landlords and landladies and their customers for their most generous donations.

If any young person in the village would like to join the Youth Centre, it is situated in the main car park at the rear of the Co-op. Call in and see us, tell us what you would like to do. It is your club, use it. You might have better ideas than we can think of.

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## THE VALE

"Let's think what could have been," said Ruth to Lorna as she smartly reversed her car into the gateway of "The Gables" and drove smartly away.

Ruth was bridesmaid at Lorna's wedding. My first encounter with her was brief, in fact it was only a glimpsing sight, but it was with Lorna in the sweet scented, sunlight-laden, fair, mild meadows of South Derbyshire that I fell in love. My lovely Lorna Doone. The summer sun poured down upon fields of marsh marigolds, pale blue ladies smocks and myriads of thousands of gloriously golden buttercups which stretched for ever over miles and miles and appeared to compete for brilliance with the glowing sun. Through the warm summer sun the plovers rose to-ing and fro-ing over the rich, fertile meadows and fields, wheeling, circling, tumbling, uttering their plaintive call "courlieu, courlieu". All day long there was nothing to break the serene silence of the landscape but the curlew, casually calling to each other to keep in contact. The silence of the surroundings and sweetness of the day, the sound of happy bees induced a sleepy, dreamy, happy, contented feeling. It seemed Hollow Farm would last for ever just as it was, but the carefree days and the fleeting loveliness were soon to pass.

I watched Lorna, the girl of my dreams, marry another, when I took it for granted that she would marry me and I would be the farmer. Oh well, her family is a respected and long established farming family, and, most of all, highly thought of by the Harper Crewes. Nearby, two spinster sisters had built a bridge because their two lovers had been drowned crossing the

floods on their way to see them. The waters out there must be treacherous, so perhaps it was all for the best.

Clutching a letter in her left hand, "you've got a letter from the gel at the bridge", said my wife. I never gave Lorna and her cousin much thought, and yet they were never far from my mind. The letter was requesting details on a close family. It seemed by some mysterious dispensation we should at the same time be researching into our family tree. The letter was read meticulously several times, and the conclusion was crystal clear: it must be from the tall, dark, shy girl who was Lorna's bridesmaid. I was very thrilled and wanted to meet her very much.

A day and a suitable time was agreed upon, and the church the most appropriate starting place for members of an old Sileby family returning to research the family lines. The tall, dark, shy girl was still tall and dark, but very beautiful, with a clear, rippling voice and appeared extremely experienced and frightfully efficient. It was soon to be refreshed in my mind that Lorna and Ruth are related to the Burtons of Newbold and Burton. After numerous exchanges of letters and visits we met in Sileby to show them where their forbears lived.

"Isn't it lovely up here" said Lorna. "Yes," I replied, "to me, that is Lorna Doone country." My wife stepped between us. "It's the name he likes, and the situation. He is very fond of the story."

To me, Hinges Brinks is Porlock Hill, Padge Hall is Doone country. I am usually in a



hurry when I walk the path by the brook, but never too busy to recall Richard Dodderidge Blackmore's novel "Lorna Doone". "Plaise, your worshipful masters, can ee tull me whur our Jan Ridd be?" enquires John Fryat at the gates of Blundell's, while holding honest Peggy. John was soon to have carried a sheep under each arm through a blinding blizzard, the hill waist deep in snow; to have donned snow shoes and rescued Lorna, wrapped her in fleeces and placed her on the pony sleigh to carry her to the safety of Plovers Barrow farm.

We looked over the vale. The busy hurry scurry, hustle and bustle of the rushing, roaring traffic along the ridge of the Highgate passes unnoticed in the bower. It is the old fashioned kind which outwardly, fortunately, changes little. Set in the shelter and curve of the hills, it has an atmosphere all of its own, seeming to brood on past happenings. The calm is of a exquisitely intense quiet. The cattle browse under the hedge and the overhanging trees. The glossy-feathered black rooks on cumbersome wings lazily saunter by to their feeding grounds, casually calling to keep in touch with each other as the plovers in my boyhood days, then to tumble, fall and dive in preparation for regaining their flight and balance above their tree top home in a mad March wind.

There is always something of interest in high hedges and tall trees. The willows lean, spread and bow to the waters edge where the grass is of the softest and coolest green. A cluster of wild geraniums of the small pink kind grow on the mossy bank of the brook. The stream flows winding and gently curving through the vale. It

is a magically enchanting place where to stand, listen and watch and ponder.

The soft summer wind wanders over the rippling, waving, white ears of wheat. The cuckoo calls over the open Wards, only too soon to cough, stutter and stammer "cuck, cuck, cuck" before he must fly away.

Later everywhere is quiet and peaceful. The sound of Christmas bells with Christmas cheer peal over the countryside from the ancient church, to carry the crisp, sweet, clear notes over the Stoney Lands, the Thwart Lands and over the slopes and brow of the hill into Cossington Vale to hail and gladden another year.

The advancing year and the increasing light stir into growth the spikes of the wild Arum, Lords and Ladies gay. The "Bells of Spring" echo and ring from the rows of hawthorn hedge and over pasture and plough.

There are certain nights in the year when the winter wind idles across the land and everywhere stands still. When the moon is in the almost zenith and rides high in the sky it seems to move so slowly. With the dry hardness of the soil, the silence of the night, the hill top stretches above and away more acutely, each tree is markedly, more decisively, more distinct. With no clouds to skull across the sky to spoil the silent scene, I walk into the water. The trunks and twigs of the trees silhouette against the serene, cloudless sky.

The moonlight magically and irresistibly filters through the trees, flooding the entire landscape. The dark, bare, black branches reflect



mysteriously on the stream of silver stretching away from and towards me. The moon and stars twinkle and sparkle, dancing on the surface of the stream about my feet. With no sound of human voice, the stream reverts to it's own unique character. Singing and laughing, glinting and bubbling, with a murmuring gurgle as it tumbles over the stones into the pool below. The water's voices that were about my feet have gone into the distance.

The same moon shines down on a distant land. I am overwhelmed with wonder and awe. I vainly try to catch the words and meaning of the flowing water and what the stream says, but it is too late. Like the passing of time it has gone.

All the voices and past memories of the vale have come alive. It is all there just for me, because it all belongs to me. Clutching it all in my arms, I hold it to my breast and I love it all. I love it all.

Alan Dewey

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## Memories of my childhood days

As a small child coming to live at Sileby, from Lincolnshire on the back of a lorry, with my elder brother with all our furniture, to live in a farm cottage two fields from the road, named Canby Field Lodge, probably a few of the older generation will remember it as Ruben Lacey's Lodge. Our proper right of way to get into the village was across four fields onto the Barrow Road or two fields in the opposite way onto the road which leads from Quebec Farm. As that was so much further for a little lass to walk, permission was asked from Mr Gibbs, who owned the two fields above our cottage fronting onto the Seagrave road for us to walk across his fields. When the time came for me to go to School, I went to Seagrave, as I knew the girls who lived at Belle Isle Farm, my Mum used to help their Mum. I also knew the girl who lived at Quebec Farm, as our Dads worked together, and we have always remained good friends. When I took the exam at the age of eleven and didn't get enough marks to pass the scholarship to go to Barrow Grammar School as it was known in those days. I came down to the school at Sileby which is now known as the Redlands to finish my education, leaving school at fourteen.

During my school holidays and also at weekends, it was great fun to be out in the fields when the men on the farm were haymaking, taking my Dads tea with my Mum, and watching them build the hayricks with what was called a one armed man. This was a large wooden pole placed in the ground, and held in place with four ropes, a fork with a rope attached was then assembled onto the pole with a horse working backwards and forwards all day when the fork was driven in to the hay at the side of the stack. When the pole horse walked forwards, the hay was taken up onto the stack, where when the men on the top of the stack would shout to the man below on the ground to release the hay, then the horse would back and the fork would come down again. In the mean time another horse would be pulling the cobs to the stack out of the field. When the harvest time came along, the old binder drawn by two horses would be working all day, I would sometimes give a helping hand with the stooking, and when the corn was being carried, it was great fun to have a ride back to the cornfield in the empty waggon. The corn was put into the dutch barns and when they were full, a corn stack was built and then thatched to keep it dry until it was time for the threshing machine to come. In my schooldays the straw was kept for bedding the crew yards down within the winter, not burned like today. The chaff was put into one part of the barn to be used in the wintertime with mangolds which were chipped to make a feed for the bullocks which were fattened for market. I used to help my Dad get the food ready for the cattle in winter, when they were kept in the crewyards which backed onto our cottage. It was quite hard work turning the handle of the mangold cutter, sometimes we sliced them, but if they were being used as a mixed feed with chaff and sugar beet pulse, we would have to chip them. There was also to kinds of cattle cake which came in long slabs, one called cotton cake which was a greeny colour, the other was linseed cake. This was put through a machine known as a cake breaker. this you also turned by a handle. I quite enjoyed doing that, often eating a bit of linseed cake - it tasted very nice.

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I once earned for myself the sum of six shillings which went a very long way when I was young. This came about because my brother who was doing some ploughing had to have three horses to pull the plough, two side by side and one in front which was my job to lead. It was known as Bodkin ploughing, don't ask me why, I suppose it was just another old country custom now long gone. I would go chain harrowing with my brother in the springtime. This was done with a couple of horses pulling the harrows and us walking behind the harrows, not like today where a tractor is used and the driver can sit down to do it. They miss out on all the peace and tranquillity of the different sounds of country life, no rushing about like today to get it done quickly, but it still got done.

As the years went by, Mr Gibbs sold his fields for building land and houses started to be built on the fields, fronting onto Seagrave Road. Later on Jubilee Avenue was made, that made things much easier for me in last years at school and later when I started work at Newbold and Burton. I only had to walk to the top of the field and over the stile onto Jubilee Avenue. When I look back, Sileby was so much more compact, not spread out like today. There were so many more green fields, allotments where Greedon Rise is now, even where I live today was once all fields, with a pond in the corner, where the electricity sub station is at the bottom of Park Road. I'm sure this is why I am so passionately fond of walking and looking at all the things around me and not liking a lot of the progress I see around today, all the pollution, there doesn't seem to be any pure clear air anymore. I can't even see the stars as clearly as I used to, all the street lights spoil it for me. Don't get me wrong - I don't think I could go back to those days really!

BY Mrs F. Bunney.

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### THE VILLAGE GRIPE

This editions village gripe is about the lack of toilets on the Memorial Park. We received a letter from a "Harassed Mother" as follows:-

Dear Sir\Madam,

Re- playground equipment in the last issue, when I took my children to try it out last week, one of them needed the toilet rather urgently. Rather than let her do it on the park grass where they play, like some dog owners do, I asked to use a shop loo as there were no usable conveniences convenient. Why not? When a young child wants to go, they need to go NOW not have to face a long walk to the co-op car park,

Yours sincerely,  
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Whilst on the subject of play equipment on the park we received another letter from a resident of Haybrooke Road, a copy of which was sent to the chairman of the parish council.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

After reading the second issue of The Stockade we felt we really must write to the Parish Council.

We are residents of Haybrooke Road which borders the far side of the park

Since our house was built we have suffered having a 'Trim Fit Trail' installed, which did nothing but attract motor bikes to try to ride along the trail well into the evening. Then came the moving of the football pitch, which incidentally should never be allowed on a public park, to our side of the park. This is an ongoing thorn in our side because of the noise, bad language and balls coming over. But now your latest bright idea is to put a swing complex in the same area. It means that we cannot sit in peace in our gardens during the day due to the noise from the 'children' playing on them, but worse than this during the evening the youths of Sileby take over. their music, shouting, swearing and goodness knows what else goes on well into the night. Try sleeping with your windows open. It is pointless trying to clear them off because not only does it not do any good but you are then targeted for abuse and retaliation.

CONT.



Does the council think that we as residents are not worth considering? Have they so much money to spend replacing and repairing vandalised equipment? Would it not be better to keep these amusements in their original places with better protection. We think so, especially as our only recourse is to call the police as in the past the Parish Councillors have not been interested in our complaints.

We ask that we are NOW considered in your overall schemes for the park. We agree that it is right that the park should have safe play areas, but do they have to make our lives a misery by being on our back door step.

How long was it before the swing complex was vandalised? Can we afford the cost? After being involved with the Sileby Swimming Pool Fund for many years it seems a shame that money is consistently allocated to these schemes but nothing is forthcoming towards building a pool which would benefit all age groups in Sileby!

We hope this letter will provide a new viewpoint for discussion at your meetings and would be interested in hearing your comments.



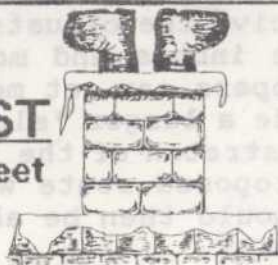
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Dear Editor

### The Rape of Sileby

I have known Sileby since 1948 but have lived here for just one short year. In our search for a house we discovered many interesting - even picturesque - nooks and corners with the distinct flavour of calmer and congenial times past.

However, it would seem to be the avowed or permissive (dare on say corrupt) intent of the planning authority to allow the pillage and destruction of a relaxed environment in the names of progress and improvement. Square miles (not just acres) have been swallowed up and buried under bricks and mortar, concrete and tarmac. How could anyone with any concern or aesthetic sense allow the Gypsum blot on the landscape, designed and painted to shout obscenities across the Soar Valley? We hear of plans to construct a bypass road to alleviate the traffic problem. Who is fooled by such a euphemistic description? One would expect it to be smoothly integrated in to the present network beyond the limits of the residential village, but find that it involves corners too sharp in order to delineate more land for 'homes' - tightly packed houses on estates of boring uniformity and conducive the claustrophobia. Restrict the 'ordinary' mortal to square inches and mortgaged for life so that the over-wealthy developers can get more wealthy, keep the banks in business, and provide a larger 'slush fund' to facilitate further development. By no stretch of the imagination could one call it a bypass since its proposed route would amputate an eastern remnant. Perhaps this would then be absorbed into Cossington? How say you Madam Mayoress?

The latest onslaught - to extract gravel - is perhaps the least crime since the valley would be torn apart for a 'few' short years and the planning authority would then quite reasonably insist on the reinstatement of the land. Is there evidence for this policy? The ecological damages will take decades/centuries to repair, but there will be compensatory healing of the noise pollution or the increased traffic problem.

The traffic problem is horrendous and the longer a solution is avoided the stronger the case becomes for the 'developers'. Of the main thoroughfares, Ratcliffe Road, Swan Street, King Street, Seagrave Road, Cossington Road and Barrow Road are always hazardously packed with parked vehicles. The make this dangerous situation lethal, 'rush hours' call in the delivery trucks which obtusely seem to choose the narrowest spots in which to park.

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Why can Sileby not take the initiative and seek planning permission for its own considered reforms and 'improvements' instead of waiting to raise indignant objection to projects proposed by outside agencies? For example:

- 1 If a bypass is needed, drive it to the North East of the village across Seagrave Road, through British Gypsum and onto 'Inverness Trunk Road'.
- 2 Fill in the intervening spaces with woodland (not houses) to screen the village and enhance the environment.
- 3 Pedestrianise the High Street and its immediate approaches
- 4 Provide or make traders provide unloading bays OFF the road for delivery trucks.
- 5 Ban parking at all times on any through roads
- 6 Levy a toll on all gravel trucks and the like crossing the Parish Boundary.

In short, providing easier flow for an increasing volume of traffic is like a dog chasing its own tail and provides opportunity for exploitation and speculation. Adopt the opposite policy and keep the motor vehicle OUT. Who knows - we in Sileby could be the pioneers in taming the evils of transport rather than becoming more enslaved to it.

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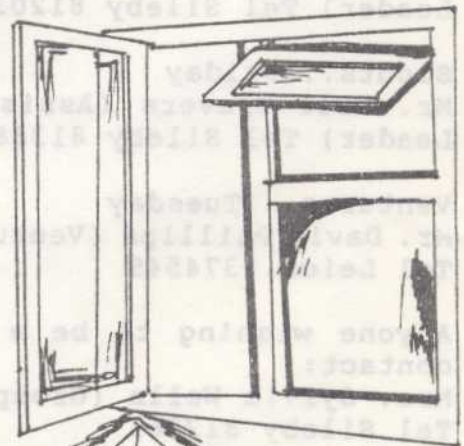
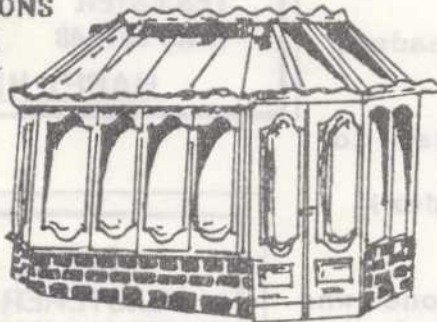
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Sileby scouts caters for boys from 6 to 20 years old, also girls of 15+ today. Activities, depending on the age of the boys, include camping, orienteering, hiking, climbing, hillwalking, abseiling, canoeing, etc. etc. The emphasis being on Fun (the Beaver motto is "Fun and Friends") the outdoors and adventure.

The Group is divided into four sections...Beaver Scouts (6-8 years)- Cub Scouts (8-10 1/2 years)- Scouts (10 1/2 -15 1/2+ years)- Venture Scouts (15 1/2 -20 years ) and although there are waiting lists in some sections it is always worth putting your sons name down, as once in the movement a boy automatically progresses from one section to the next regardless of whether the section above is officially full.

Contacts for membership are:-

BEAVERS.. Friday

Mrs. Jane Holloway (Beaver Leader) Tel Sileby 813604

CUBS...Wednesday

Mrs. Christine Boyles (Akela)

Tel Quorn 412019

CUBS...Thursday

Mr. Malcolm Kitching (Akela)

Tel Sileby 812699

Scouts... Thursday

Mrs. Carol-Anne Freeman (Scout Leader) Tel Sileby 812031

Scouts...Friday

Mr. Will Travers (Assistant Scout Leader) Tel Sileby 813883

Ventures...Tuesday

Mr. David Phillips (Venture Leader)  
Tel Leics. 374549

Anyone wishing to be a Leader to contact:

Mrs. Sylvia Wells (Group Leader)  
Tel Sileby 812761

If you are, or know of anyone who has been a Scout at Sileby during the past 40 years and would like to come to our reunion, could you please contact

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## REPORT OF THE SILEBY TOWNWOMEN'S GUILD

In October, Sileby Townswomen's Guild presented their annual Variety Concert at the Village Institute playing to almost full houses for three nights.

The programme was packed with songs and comedy, a bus trip to the seaside filling the first half culminating with a pier concert with pierrots in dazzling white outfits. The 'Fat Girls' at the Hip and Thigh Diet Clinic caused great hilarity followed by some very amusing mime and comedy items.

After the interval, the group gave a condensed version of 'My Fair Lady', with Pat Squires a quite outstanding Eliza. The other soloists were also excellent, with Janet Seymour as Henry Higgins, Gill Brown as Freddie, Lillian Middleton as the housekeeper and Alison Lee a raucous Alf Dolittle. The Ascot scene with the black and white outfits was quite breathtaking.

Finally, in emerald green outfits with scarlet trims, the whole cast sang songs of Glen Millar, the Andrews Sisters with Casrol Smith, Wendy Muggleton and Pat Squires gaining the longest applause.

Jim Lee was once again an excellent compere and there were guest appearances by John Ferrin and Beverly Price. The show was devised, written and produced by Mrs. Marjorie Adkins and all the costumes were designed and made by the cast themselves. All in all a most enjoyable evening with almost £500 being raised for charity.

Also in October, Sileby Townswomen's Guild successfully retained the shield at the Leicestershire Federation of Townswomen's Guild Biennial Arts and Craft Exhibition which was held at the County Rooms, Leicester.

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## SILEBY ST. JOHN AMBULANCE FUN RUN AND GALA DAY

The organisers would like to thank all the local charity groups for their support on the day, their stalls helped us to give our visitors something to be entertained by between the organised events and the Fun Runs. We would also like to thank the Parish Council for allowing us to use The Memorial Park to stage the event, the Sileby Football Club, for the use of their changing rooms in the pavilion. We would also like to thank all the generous individuals and companies who over the years have supported us with their sponsorship.

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C.Jones

The veteran winners were

D.Hart and

C.Rivers

The 4 Mile run was won by

The afternoon Fun run for kids and parents was won by S. Willet

All finishers in the three runs received either a medal or certificate and an extra for the afternoon fun run runners was "AN OVER TO YOU JOHN" badge

The approximate amount raised for the St. John Ambulance was £550.00

The purpose of the gala days is to raise funds for the local division of the ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE, hopefully it has also helped the other charity groups who have become involved in the event, to raise money for their funds.

It has like the Sileby Parade and Gala (held in July) become not only an event just to raise money, but a fun day out for the people in Sileby, and we hope, they have helped to bring an interest back into community spirit, and also make people more aware of the splendid work being done by local charity groups.

It is with some sadness however, that we have to announce that the ST. JOHN AMBULANCE will not be running the event next year, unless an alternative venue is found, as a result of some petty bickering by certain members of the parish Council over access to the park by stall holders, suggestion of damage to the football pitch etc., and their intention to introduce new rules and regulations for the event holders on the park, which in our opinion will make an event such as ours virtually impossible to run

Once again, many thanks for the support you have given over the last eight years events



## SILEBY EVERGREEN CLUB

The Evergreen Club has just celebrated its 40th Anniversary. It was officially opened on 6 October 1951 by the late Mr Francis Burton. Mr Burton took the initiative in suggesting what form the Club should take and also contributing greatly to furnishing the Village Institute (the Headquarters) to a very comfortable standard. Its main aim was and still is today to have a place where elderly folk of Sileby can meet to relieve the monotony of perhaps sitting at home and being lonely.

Mr Francis Burton was President of the Club until his death in 1977 and he and his family always took a keen interest in its activities as well as much financial support. His son and daughter are still Vice Presidents.

The club is open on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2 pm. There is a room for members who like a game of bingo and another room for playing whist. Annual membership fee is £1 and members pay 20p each time they attend towards the cost of tea and biscuits.

Other social events take place from time to time. In June we went on a day trip to Great Yarmouth and in September for a half day trip around Derbyshire, calling at Bakewell for tea. Our Harvest Festival was well attended. After a short service and the singing of Hymns, the produce was sold for club funds. The Christmas Party is always an event that members look forward to. An excellent tea is provided followed by some entertainment. Last Christmas it was our famous "Florrie and Ada" which was very much appreciated by everyone. Competitions for Whist, Crib and Dominoes are also arranged.

A monthly whist drive and bingo takes place on the first Saturday afternoon of each month at 2.30 pm in the Village Institute. Anyone of any age is welcome to attend, the more the merrier. Admission is £1 including raffle tickets, tea and cakes. There are good prizes which are kindly donated by members and friends. Proceeds are for club funds.

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## GARDENING PAGE

### ANCIENT CHURCH ELM LIVES ON

Sileby churchyard was once quite famous locally for its ancient elm tree which was reputed to be as old as the Church itself, "600 years".

It was quite completely hollow from top to bottom and so decayed that much of the remainder was also gone, and it stood in an elevated position like a three-legged stool. At six feet from the ground, it measured 28 feet in circumference.

Along came Dutch Elm disease in the 1970's. In its state of senility it could not be saved and it was eventually felled.

However, all was not lost. In due course, suckers appeared around the tree. Several of these were removed by myself and carefully tended and two actually grew. With the cooperation of the late Rev. R Hunting, the best of these was planted in St Mary's Churchyard and has thrived very well. It is now a healthy specimen 12 feet high with a six inch stem.

To myself, interested in local history, it is an achievement because in my view the old tree lives on, being grown from a sucker it is actually part of the original tree. Thus the Church Tree lives on!

The tree was mentioned by Cobbett in his Rural Rides as being "Ancient and Decayed" in the early 1880s.

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- 2 Tidy up shrubs and perennials
- 3 Sweep up leaves and put on compost heap
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8. Prune any outdoor vines well back
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Winner: J.RANKIN

Runner up D.C.BISHOP

### CLUB THREE WOOD

Winner D.WESTBURY

Runner up C.GREENWOOD

### MENS TWO WOOD

Winner P.ROE

Runner up J.RANKIN

### CLUB HANDICAP

Winner D.C.BISHOP

Runner up G.NAPTHINE

### GENTS MAIDEN

Winner G.NAPTHINE

Runner up G.ROLLE

### MENS PAIRS

Winners C.GREENWOOD

Runners up G.M.HALL

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From your starting point in the village walk up Radcliffe Road to the gateway at the top of the hill (footpath sign). The Right of Way bears diagonally right from the gate. Make for the angle of the hedge and on reaching this point continue on the same line heading for the small bush to the right of the tall trees. Cross the concrete bridge and the stile and walk with the hedge on your right. After crossing the next stile the path now climbs up the hill through two fields of pasture to the Ratcliffe College Road. This is a good viewpoint for looking back towards the village and also across the Soar Valley to the hills of Charnwood Forest beyond.

To continue turn left up the road to the footpath sign on the left, just past the farm. Climb the fence and cross the field diagonally right making for the gate in the far corner. Pass through this gate and make for the next one straight ahead across the field. To the right of this gate and completely overgrown in the hedge is a handgate, one of four that can be found on this footpath. It is not often that gates are found on footpaths, these have obviously not been in use for many years. I wonder if at one time this path was a bridleway?

Perhaps a local historian may know. Through the gate bear right across the field corner to the hedge. Walk with the hedge on your right to the angle, then proceed on the same line across the field to a gap in the hedge, where you will find another handgate and stile. Cross the lane leading to Padge Hall, a narrow path leads over the next pasture. Make for a large gap between the hedges to another stile, and bearing left cross a rough pasture to the old gate in the hedge to the left of the tree. From the gate bear diagonally left across the field, to meet the brook at a point below the two trees in the middle of the field. Now continue with the brook on your left, at the hedge either cross the fence or pass through a gap a few paces to the right. Continue with the brook on your left until the road is reached. All is peace and tranquillity at the moment, but at some time in the future it is planned to construct a golf course hereabouts.

Turn left and cross the road to face the on-coming traffic. After about 1/4 of a mile descend Park Hill to the village of Seagrave. In the village turn left into Green Lane, just past the sign for Manor Farm and before you reach King Street. At the end of this lane is a footpath sign and stile to enter fields again. Cross the stile to the next one ahead in the fence and make for the angle of the hedge. Continue now with the hedge on your left through this field and the next. On crossing the stile bear diagonally left to the corner of the field to the next stile. Walk now with the hedge on your left through a pleasant field of pasture and an unpleasant one of hen manure to the Hanover Lodge Lane. Cross the lane and on entering the field make for the Third telegraph pole ahead. When this is reached make for a point some fifty yards from the corner of the field and approximately in line with the narrow chimney of Harliquin's Wallcovering. Cross the stile and continue on the same line to the next into the last field before reaching Heathcote Drive. If you are making for the centre of the village, cross the road and follow the footpath straight ahead past Sileby Bowls Club to the Memorial Park and finally Swan Street

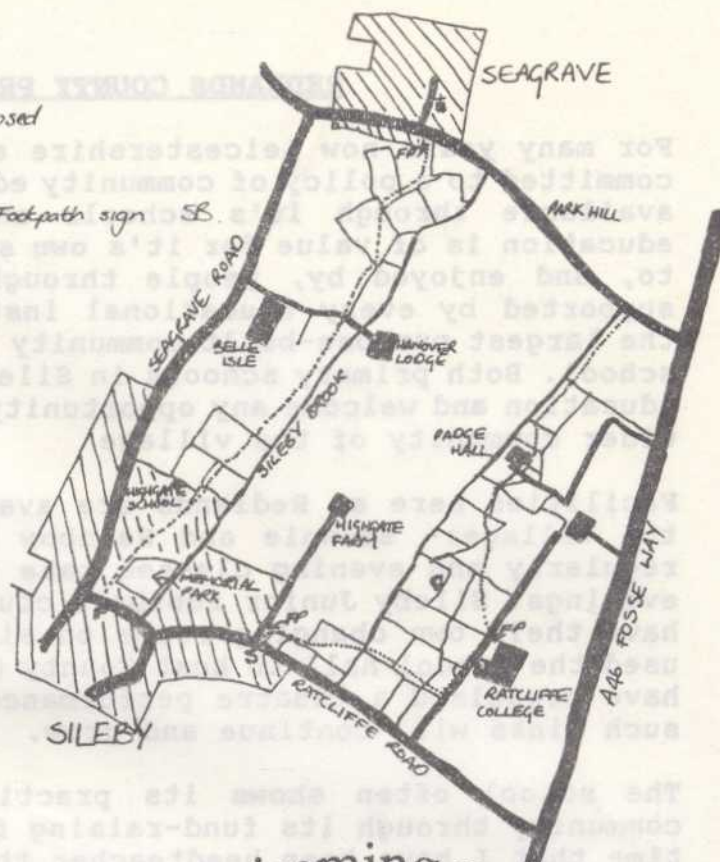
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- Main Roads
- Roads
- Villages/densely housed areas
- Streams or brooks
- Field boundaries
- Footpath
- Houses
- Start
- Finish
- F.P. Footpath sign
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Thursday	6.45 - 7.45
(adults only)	8.00 - 9.00

### Charges (per hour)

Adults	70p
O.A.P's	50p
Children	50p
Spectators	20p

### Ladies beginners class

(term time only)

Wednesday	7.45 - 8.30
	8.30 - 9.15

### Charges

(paid half termly)

Adults	£1.00
O.A.P's	50p

contact Pat Everett  
on Sileby 813103

### Barrow Swimming Club

(term time only)

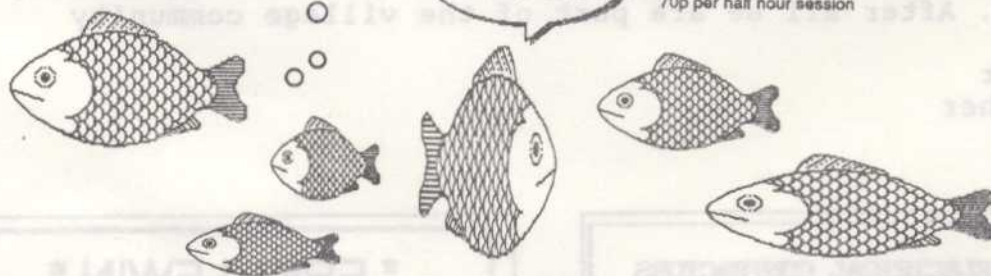
Friday	4.00 - 6.30 (Mrs. M. Martin)
	6.30 - 9.30 (Mrs. B. Evans)

Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Martin are both very experienced swimming tutors and will be training children up to the age of 16 for various swimming qualifications and badges.

### Charges

(paid half termly)

70p per half hour session



The editorial committee would like to thank all the people who have contributed articles for this issue especially the artists Mary Austin and Helen Root. We would like to apologise to those who submitted articles which do not appear in this issue. These will be included in the next issue.

We would like to record the death of Mrs. Alice Bunting who as an ex-Parish councillor gave a great deal of her time to the village and a lot of encouragement in the early days of THE STOCKADE.



## REDLANDS COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

For many years now Leicestershire education Authority has been committed to a policy of community education using the facilities available through it's schools and colleges. The view that education is of value for it's own sake and should be accessible to, and enjoyed by, people throughout their lives is a view supported by every educational institution in the county from the largest purpose-built community college to the small primary school. Both primary schools in Sileby are involved in community education and welcome any opportunity to further contact with the wider community of the village

Facilities here at Redlands are available for use by groups in the village:- Brownie and Rainbow groups use the school hall regularly and evening classes take place on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Sileby Junior football club use our football pitch and have their own changing rooms on site. The Parish Council have used the school hall to host County Questions and "The Stockade" have organised a theatre performance here next January. I hope such links will continue and grow.

The school often shows its practical support for the wider community through its fund-raising for charities - In the short time that I have been headteacher thousands of pounds have been raised for a variety of charities and this term alone has seen £479 raised for Help the Aged. We also run events to raise money on our own behalf in order to improve and enhance the school environment. - Last term saw the complete refurbishment of our school library and at present we are halfway through the creation of a pond and nature area in the school grounds, as well as preparing to install a cookery area inside the school.

The pre- Christmas period provides a number of opportunities for the school and community to come closer together:- In November we are hosting a Rhyme and Reason book sale and just before the Christmas holiday the infant and junior children will be performing their Christmas concerts. Such events are not restricted to the school's parents and I would like to think that other members of the community could take the opportunity to visit us. After all we are part of the village community

Phil Weir  
Headteacher

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# CPRE REPORT

The CPRE (Council for the Protection of Rural England) is still very active in the Sileby area. Carol Boneham and her family have now settled in their new home in Penn (West Midlands) and I am now the new district representative. The projects up to date are your own Draft Plan, mineral extraction Mountsorrel Lane. The ninety acres extra at the Mountsorrel quarries, taking it very close to Swithland Reservoir, a conservation area!.

I have done an assessment of Seagrave to environmental issue. Then onto Ratcliffe parish 'Shipley Hill' (side of the slip road to Syston) where a Borrow pit for infill for the new Syston bypass, leaving it open for a tip. The lovely green contour line of that field lost. Cossington Road mineral site, there was nothing anyone could do about that, as planning permission was granted some forty years early. Your liaison committee will keep an eye on the restoration, as you can see the task is never ending, all this work is done voluntarily, why! because we are a society who cares nothing for our lovely countryside.

Yes, we do need mineral extractions etc, but in environmentally acceptable ways, and I believe Sileby has done her share. Everyone needs to be involved in the task of ensuring that the best of our present environment is preserved for future generations.

Sheila Preston.

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## SILEBY JUNIOR BASEBALL TEAM

A newly established team in the village is the Sileby Baseball Team (ages 12-17 years). Training takes place at Highgate Primary School on a Saturday afternoon 2.30 to 4.30 and we are always pleased to welcome new members. As with any new venture of this kind, funds are the main obstacle, but more so with baseball due to the amount of equipment required so therefore at present we are busy fund raising. It goes without saying that we would be very grateful for any offers of help. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mr A Green or Richard on Sileby 816198.



## PANTOMIME 1992 - BABES IN THE WOOD

Rehearsals started in September for Sileby Pantomime Group's fourth production - Babes in the Wood - to be staged at the Methodist Hall, Swan Street, on 6th, 7th and 8th February 1992.

The group has expanded since the first show - Jack and the Beanstalk (1989) - but all those taking part, both on stage and behind the scenes, have enjoyed working hard on equally memorable productions of Aladdin (1990) and Dick Whittington (1991).

The emphasis is on home-grown fun in a village show by village people for village people, and audiences have responded warmly to give us full houses.

Cast: We want a Saturday matinee, too!

Producer: Oh no you don't!

Cast: Oh yes we do! (- We shall see!)

The proceeds each year go to a charity with a local link. Thus Katie Statham appeal, Richard Hall Memorial Fund and Cystic Fibrosis have all benefitted so far.

We have encouraged youngsters to take part; not only as dancer, but also increasingly as characters, including this year's title roles.

We are always grateful for the many and varied sources of local support and involvement which you may judge from a long list of programme credits.

This year's list is even longer but not yet final; so if you feel you can contribute in any way, please contact the group - we don't insist that you sing or dance!

Babes in the Wood is loosely woven around the story of Robin Hood and his merry men. Tickets at 1.50 adults and 1.00 children/OAP will be available around Christmas time from members of the cast.



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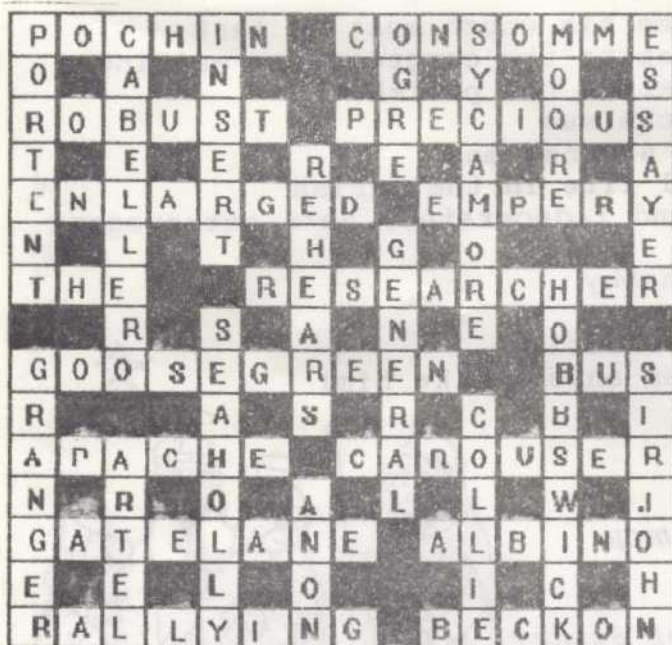
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# GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND ABBREVIATIONS QUIZ

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- 2 26 L of the A
- 3 7 W of the W
- 4 1001 A N
- 5 12 S of the Z
- 6 54 C in a D (with J)
- 7 9 P in the S S
- 8 240 O P in a P
- 9 13 S on the A F
- 10 32 D F at which W F
- 11 18 H on a G C
- 12 90 D in a R A
- 13 7 S on a F P P

- 14 3 B M (S H T R)
- 15 4 Q in A G
- 16 24 H in a D
- 17 3 W on a T
- 18 13 U F S
- 19 57 H V
- 20 11 P in a F T
- 21 8 T on an O
- 22 29 D in F in a L Y
- 23 64 S on a C B
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If he doesn't he's far too serious

If he starts the service on time his watch must be fast  
If he's a minute late, he's keeping the congregation waiting  
If he takes a holiday he's never in the parish  
If he doesn't he's a stick in the mud  
If he runs a Gala or Bazaar he's money mad  
If he doesn't there's no social life in the parish  
If he has the church painted and redecorated, he's extravagant

If he doesn't, the church is shabby  
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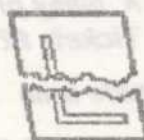
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Little child of Bethlehem 'sleep on the hay,  
Lowly Birth for King of earth, Jesus lord, we love.

Little child of Bethlehem soon was a little boy,  
Worried Mary many time, Sometime gave her joy  
Jesus Son of Nazareth be with us each day  
Watch o'er us and be with us, Jesus we pray.  
Every day we alway say, Thy will be done  
Bethlehem Child now King of Earth Blessed Mary's Son.

Little Boy grew tall and strong, Man of Galilee  
Telling words of love to all, even you and me  
Bad men came and kill him on Calvary's Hill  
Easter Morn he rose from dead, Jesus lives still,  
Little Child of Bethlehem died for those he love  
Make us worthy Mary's Son, Worthy of Thy Love.

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Ina Hoyes and I would like to thank all who contributed so generously when we collected for the Blind on September 6th last. All together we donated over £35 from our "neck of the woods" Very well done friends and thank you again

sincerely  
Brenda Bryan



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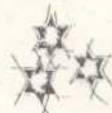
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### House Alarm

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### Doors and Window Locks

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### Security Lighting

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### Timer switches

Timer switches can be used inside the house to turn lights on and off to help give the impression that you are in the house.

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28 Dec	Harborough	A	Lge	Earl Shilton	H	Lge
4 Jan	Ravenstone	H	Lge	Harborough Town	A	Lge
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Due to public concern, we have been in contact with Leicestershire County Council and The Department of Transport, who advised us that due to the inconvenience of crossing the new bypass, it has been decided to divert both footpaths.

One alternative route is being provided to cross the bypass, which will be via an underpass to the south of the existing footpaths. This diversion will add about 500 metres (1/3 mile) to the journey - so for those of you who use this route for work don't forget to leave more time for the trip.

Why not let THE STOCKADE know your views regarding this diversion?

On a personal note, I feel as Sileby residents use this footpath as much if not more than those in Mountsorrel, we should have been informed earlier and had the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. The Pedestrian Walkway over the A6 at Quorn was provided after the liaison group formed between Barrow and Quorn Parish Councils pressurised the Department of Transport.

J.T

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