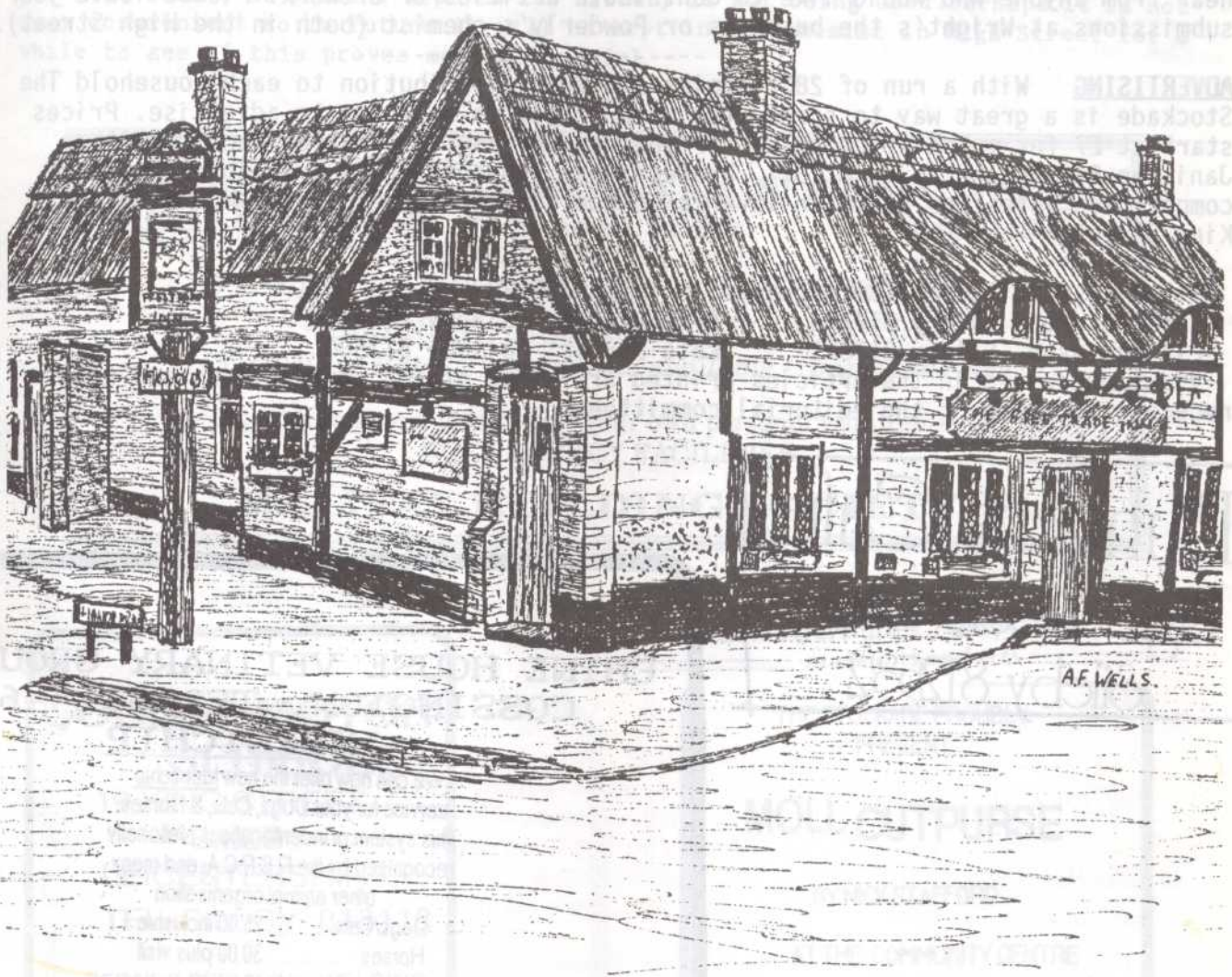


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Editorial

Here we are 1 year after the first edition of The Stockade. We hope that you have enjoyed the previous editions and will continue to support our efforts with articles, letters and advertisements.

Some of this editions articles are meant to try and stimulate people into thinking about what they would like to see in the village in the future.

The stockade committee have again arranged a play for the village to be performed at The Community Centre on June 11th at 7.30pm. We hope it will be well supported so that other performances can be arranged. We hope to arrange a play three times a year.

The front cover is again drawn by a local artist and we are always on the look out for local artists. So if you know of anyone or even like to do the cover yourself let any committee member know.

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VILLAGE GRIPE

It is nice to have space in the Stockade for people to express their opinions about local affairs.

Firstly, the gripes about parking. If you spoke to mothers of young children and pushers of prams, pushchairs and wheelchairs, the worst place is outside the betting shop and chip shop. There they have to go on to the road to pass badly parked vehicles and we all know how dangerous that can be on that junction.

Secondly, I went to take my grandchildren on to the park, intending to sit on one of the new seats provided and let the children play on the grass with a ball, but changed my mind on seeing the condition of the turf. It was all churned up with stud marks and the skidding that the footballers had left. Looking over the large area that was affected, I came away, thinking "who is the park for?" Please don't think I had the one look. I go through the park regularly to collect my daughter after her music lesson and the situation is the same for most of the football season.

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CHAIRMANS JOTTINGS

Congratulations to the editorial committee of the "The Stockade" on the first anniversary edition. A lot of time and effort goes into each publication and they deserve to be congratulated.

On the 30th of March 1992 I signed the last page of the annual parish meeting book dating from 1894. Reading through it's pages proved very interesting. In 1897 a scheme was proposed to purchase two fields for recreational use but the idea was defeated due to negative thinkers unable to see the future. In 1936 a scheme was proposed to build a swimming pool but again the idea was defeated due to negative thinkers. In 1946 an elaborate scheme was proposed to build a "Community Centre" with public baths, Gymnasium, nursery, cafe and rooms for the youth of Sileby. A committee was formed to "promote the scheme" and here we are in 1992 still no further forward. Even today those same negative thinkers still exist within the Parish Council to hamper the efforts of people with positive enthusiasm. The production of this magazine had to be taken away from the Parish Council in order for it to become a reality, as did the "highly Successful" theatre production of "Moonbow Gold" and all because of negative thinkers who were unable to see the need or the potential of such productions. Even recently those same negative thinkers were trying hard to thwart the enthusiastic efforts for a new Sileby baseball team to play it's matches on the park.

To be fair I suppose we are half way there. We have an excellent park, which can still be improved upon and an ill suited Community Centre that is not used to it's full potential that the Parish (That's you and me) pays for in rent and repairs. In six years time it will be handed back to Charnwood Council with maybe a thank you for all the improvements we have made. And what do you think they will do with it? Demolish it? Redevelop it? or offer it to the village for sale at a price we cannot afford (remember Shepshed's problems).

In May last year new councillors joining the Parish Council have helped to develop a more positive attitude towards the improvement of the village. Attendance figures of Parish Councillors for the past twelve months (eleven meetings) are as follows:-

Stuart Thompson...9	Gordon Ward.10	Kay Machin....11
Wilf Preston.....10	Tom Machin..11	Liz Robinson...9
Mike Jones.....9	Betty Crick.10	Arthur Latham.11
Janis Bishop.....10	Judy Wild....8	Janet Harris...7
Patricia Staples.10	Brian White..5	Sandra Butler..6 from 7

Despite one or two exceptions, attendance figures are surprisingly a great improvement over the previous years, although regular attendance of the main meetings is not always a true indication of each councillors efforts. Most of the hard work is carried out by the various sub-committees who may meet once or twice in each month prior to the main meeting, with other meetings in between.

A lot of improvements have been carried out in the village in a very short space of time, and a renewed interest in the village's environment encouraging. Perhaps the negative thinkers are beginning to realise that positive thinking can have its benefits.

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by JAMES ROWLEY aged 9½ years.

On Sunday 1st March 1992 the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venture Scouts and Guides met at Headquarters to go on a trip to Nottingham Ice Rink. When we got there we were given a ticket to get our boots. There were a lot of people on the ice, some were skating fast, some backwards and some very slow. One boy fell and knocked his head, he was taken off on a stretcher. As we skated a man came and put stickers on us, they said "come ice skating it's cool". Most of us skated quite well. I enjoyed it very much and I'm sure the others did too. The man at the disco said it was time for speed skating so we all got off as you have to be very good to do that. There is a cafe and a shop to get food and drinks. We then all got on the bus and had a good journey home.

by THOMAS JEFFS aged 9 years.

My visit to Duxford Airbase.

When Akela told us the Barrow Jerusalem cubs had invited Quebec cubs to join them on a visit to Duxford airbase I was very excited because I like all sorts of planes. So on Sunday 5th April 1992 thirteen cubs, one scout and his friend Raksha and Mr Bates set off with the Barrow cubs and leaders very early in the morning for Cambridgeshire. We saw lots of modern ones take off and land. We had our lunch and played in the adventure playground. We went back to the hangers and saw some films on the Battle of Britain, it was very noisy. We went on a Concorde and a B.O.A.C passenger plane. My favourite planes are the Spitfire and Hurricane. I was very tired at the end of the day but really enjoyed seeing the planes life size instead of pictures in my card collection.

by DAVID ELLIOT aged 10 years.

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IVANHOE LINE GETS THE GREEN LIGHT

The long-awaited approval from central government for funding of the 'Ivanhoe line' which will permit passenger train service between Loughborough, Leicester, Burton-on-Trent and Derby was indeed welcome news for residents of Leicestershire.

The news was announced at a press conference at Derby in January by the then Under Secretary of State for Transport, Patrick McLoughlin who said the line will provide an economic boost to this particular area of Leicestershire.

If the commuting public switch to rail travel for journeys to work and for leisure, the peak traffic congestion in Leicestershire can be greatly reduced, not to mention the associated environmental improvements.

Funding for this new passenger service, which will cost around £16 million, is being provided in a variety of ways. Up to £5 million will come from central government in the form of a grant and a further £10 million as credit approvals. The remainder is to be raised by local authorities from the private sector. Work will commence this year and take around three years to complete.

The well documented 'Transport Choice' plan, unveiled around 18 months ago by Leicestershire County Council, which has been approved in principle by the Planning and Transportation Committee, aims to develop a high-quality public transport system allied with improved environmental conditions. Key to this plan is the Ivanhoe line, with one of the aims being to develop a suburban rail network.

Following the County Council's investigations some years ago into the feasibility of re-opening the Leicester - Burton line to traffic, it gained the name Ivanhoe line from the novel by Sir Walter Scott which centred on the castle at Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

The plans for Ivanhoe line stations not only covers the existing Leicester - Burton freight line but extends onto the Midland Main Line with plans for new stations at Syston, Sileby and Barrow. Exact sites have still to be defined but should be based on the siting of the previous stations which closed under the Beeching axe in 1968. It is almost certain Barrow will be on its previous site, as a car park is still operational. At Sileby the new station will probably have footpath access from King Street and Syston station is likely to be situated either on the north or south side of the Melton Road bridge.

Between Leicester and Burton additional stations are planned at Leicester Forest East, Kirby Muxloe, Desford, Bagworth, Coalville, Swannington, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Moira. Three other stations are envisaged in the western suburbs of Leicester.

Initial discussions between British Rail and the various local authorities suggest the new stations at Barrow, Sileby and Syston will be open for passengers in advance of the main Ivanhoe line service, possibly late 1993. No indication has been given by BR whether these stations will be served by Regional Railway trains on Coventry - Nottingham or Lincoln or a separate Loughborough - Leicester local service. However, line occupation on the current number of tracks between Syston and Leicester would suggest the first option the more likely. This option is strongly favoured from a passenger view, as connections at Leicester to Birmingham, London and East Anglia are possible. At Nottingham connections to the North West, Sheffield, Grantham, Newark and Skegness can be made.

New signalling will be required, connected to the high-tech signalling centre at Leicester and with passenger safety given a very high profile by BR, considerable testing of signalling and track occupation circuits is required before commencement of passenger services. The track which is approved for 40mph running at present will be upgraded to cater for 60mph operation.



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To operate the services, Leicestershire County Council will purchase four new 'Sprinter' type trains which are expected to be painted in a special livery with special badging. The units will be of two car formation, with around 140 seats.

The County Council intend to make the suburban rail network an attractive alternative to car users by offering a quality service with park and ride facilities at most stations and frequent clean and efficient train services throughout the day. One of the counties success stories in railway operation was the opening of South Wigston station in May 1986 which has over 40 trains per day stopping there. First indications are that Ivanhoe line services will operate at an hourly frequency, increasing at peak times to a 30 minute interval.

Research suggests that the Ivanhoe line will be used by 6,000 passengers per day, which over a year could take 200,000 car journeys off Leicestershire roads.

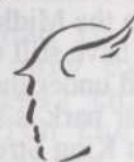
The Ivanhoe line plan has been well received by local residents, businessmen and the local media who feel the way into our cities is by rail. Now it is a reality and work is virtually underway, when completed, it is upto the residents of each community served to give it the support it deserves so ensuring its success.

CHRIS MILNER

We would like to thank Chris Milner, the Assistant Editor of Railway Magazine for giving us this update on The Ivanhoe Line developments. The original article appeared in a recent edition of Railway, but Chris has modified it and included some new facts for us.

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HOT AIR BALLOON TRIP - Lynne Root

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At 5.30pm that evening the telephone rang and it was the balloon team, did I want to go on a flight that evening, it should be a good flight and the trip was expected to fly over Sileby and on towards Melton. Yes!

We arrived at Rothley playing fields and there were a few people milling around. I was welcomed by Caroline and introduced to Andrew, her husband and pilot, and other passengers and we all trundled across to the far end of the field. It's about this time that fear and panic set in, here I am standing on the edge of achieving a lifetime ambition and can hardly speak, the thoughts that rush through my head are unbelievable, will we crash, will I ever see my family and friends again. I must be mad.

Suddenly we are up and away as we have to make a swift and steep rise to clear a row of trees, all my fears have disappeared and I am about to embark on a journey of a lifetime. This is truly wonderful, I feel quite emotional as we sweep our way across the lovely countryside.

The first view we have is of the tennis court and bowling greens at Rothley, there are people down there enjoying their hobbies and waving to us as we lift off and away we go across the new Mountsorrel by-pass, what a sight and then we are met by a real blot on the landscape The Gypsum buildings along the Barrow Road. What a contrast then meets us as we travel on across the Soar Valley and river and we can see Sileby Mill and Marina, with Sileby Church seeming to beckon us on our way, this is more like it.

familiar landmarks soon appear, the Library and Free Trade Inn, Redlands School, the Cemetery all those familiar streets and houses all look so different from up here. I am searching the horizon for our bungalow and orchard, and am finally rewarded and can identify the lovely rows and rows of apple blossom which has just come out. I know Sue and the kids will be in the garden and find their house and just see little figures in the garden and wave frantically, my aunt Sheila's house in Swan Street, the park and tennis courts, all the gardens look so pretty with all the blossoms and spring flowers, it is a sight I wish I could share with my family, I feel so fortunate, and am trying to soak it all into my memory.

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Ragdale Hall is another landmark and certainly looks very prestigious and we pass the new Jet Ski Centre on the left. We are continuing our wonderful journey across beautiful countryside over farms and many small villages, those being Ragdale, Old Dalby, Upper Broughton, Nether Broughton, Hickling and long Clawson and The Vale of Belvoir. Children and farmers wave to us as we drift gently on our way. There are cattle and lambs in the fields and birds and kestrels below us, the old Grantham Canal and dogs and rabbits playing together in gardens, people at the village pub enjoying a Bank Holiday drink.

Our pilot decides it will soon be time to look for a suitable landing field which means no livestock, buildings or power cables must be in our way. I don't want our flight to end but like all good things it must do. Langer is decided upon and the pilot checks with Langer Airfield to make sure we have clearance to land, we concentrate on our landing instructions.

It takes a few minutes to find a suitable field and our retrieve party are making their way to greet us and our family and friends are eagerly awaiting the reunion.

The landing is a bumpy one and we all tumble over in the basket, but here we are all safe and sound, there are no complaints. We help pack away the balloon and in a short time the retrieve vehicle and farmer are heading towards us across the field, we share our thoughts and experiences of the flight. The farmer is very pleasant and amicable and he chats away quite a while.

We then make our way back to our families where hugs and kisses are abound and enjoy a glass of champagne and lively chatter. We are all presented with a flight certificate and it's time to make our way home.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I would like to make some comments on the article about Sibley street names, which I find interesting.

The first is concerning the name Cauby Close, this was a misquotation of the name Canby Lodge on the 1760 enclosure award map (see page 34 of the same issue), this may have arisen because some eighteenth century script writers made their "n's" like present day "u's", although in the original copies of the Award, CANBY is definitely written.

The second comment concerns HOBBSWICK or in old Sibley parlance OBBSIC, the latter is more correct in so far as the SIC part meant meadow grass by a stream, in this case, the Brook.

Various similar usage of the term SIC appears on the 1760 map, for instance the bridge on Mountsorrel Lane, now known as Essex Bridge, was called formally ITERSIC or HEATHERSIC Bridge, meaning the bridge over the stream by the Osier beds. Old Sibley people will remember the Willow Canes that were grown on the Mountsorrel side of Essex Bridge, for the purpose of basket-making, right up until the last war.

Some other curiosities; have you ever noticed the street name plates, for to call our two main streets, High Street and King Street according to these plates would be incorrect, it should be HICH STREET (I think the maker of that sign had had one over the eight!) and the other should have been called KINC STREET, that is until the Redland's School wall was demolished and a new correctly spelt plate affixed. It would seem it was the same person who made the original name plates, it would also appear he was not only tipsy at the time, but also kinky!

Back to the 1760 map, this shows two fields called Over Merry Wong and Nether Merry Wong. I would hasten to add these were not the forbears of our friends in the High Street. The name "Wong" was a Scandinavian term for a group of furlong strips in the Open Fields, the "Merry" was a corruption of Marie or Mary, the Saint to which the Parish Church was dedicated.

No doubt these fields provided the sheaves of corn which were given by the Norman Earls of Leicester to their native abbey of St Ebrulfs in Normandy.

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Expeditions.

After training and practical preparation journeys in the countryside or afloat lasting 2 days- bronze, 3 days - silver and 4 at Gold, are planned and undertaken in small groups. The purpose of each venture is chosen by the group and may simply be to complete a physically demanding journey covering specified mileage. For Gold and Silver however, the object may instead be to conduct an investigation which can be shown to offer a challenge of a different sort, or to engage in an activity like climbing or caving. Such ventures must still involve a degree of travel by personal effort.

Skills

Participants are required to choose, develop and sustain an interest in something which appeals to them for its own sake. It may be a recreational activity, a study of a topic relating to the individual or the community, or the completion of a task like building a boat or producing a play. The effort and understanding displayed are assessed over a period in relation to individual aptitude.

Physical Recreation.

The range of activities includes athletics, physical achievement, archery, dancing, riding and most sports and games. Assessment is based on time spent in participation, and partly on the attainment of certificate standards or other evidence of improved performance.

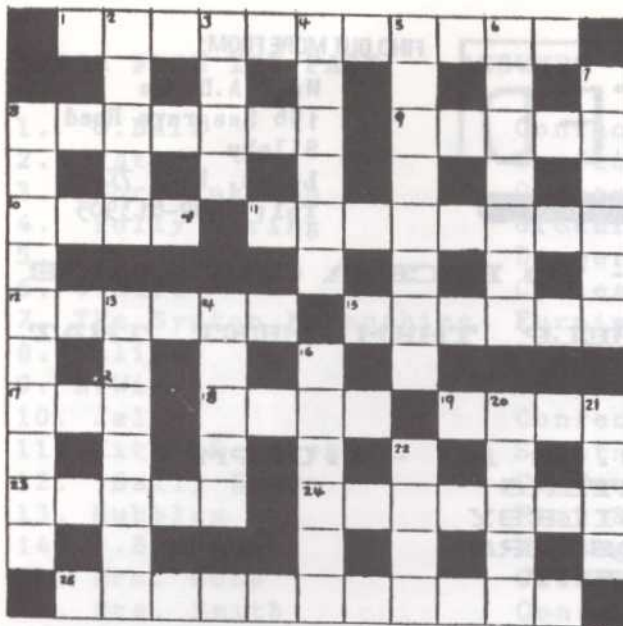
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Across

- 1. Here you can see the sky at night (next to Madame Tussauds) (11)
- 8. Adverb meaning nevertheless (7)
- 9. Leaves of a book (5)
- 10. Ancient letter associated with mystery (4)
- 11. Dwelling house and out building (8)
- 12. To take in food (6)
- * 15. The longest English river (6)
- 17. Cattle biting fly (3)
- * 18. On end of ones fingers (4)
- * 19. Frozen ice crystals (4)
- 23. Gold or silver embroidery (5)
- 24. Kneeling cushions in church (7)
- 25. Rabies (11)

Down

- * 2. Bridge over the river wreake at Syston (5)
- 3. Body of a church (4)
- * 4. English famous painter (6)
- 5. Plant grown for its fodder and its seed for oil (8)
- 6. To raise in rank (7)
- 7. Nautical term meaning to the rear
- * 8. English philosopher (Headmaster also) (10)
- * 13. Evans famous English Wicketkeeper (7)
- 14. Disappears below the surface (5)
- * 16. Can only move diagonally on a chessboard (6)
- 20. Biblical character (5)
- 21. Cease sleeping (4)
- 22. Popular Petrol (4)

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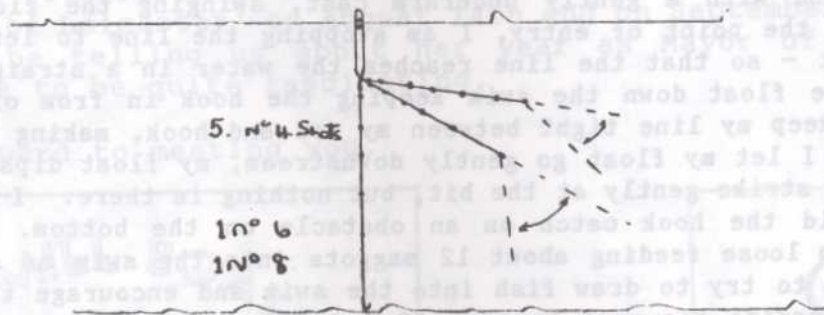
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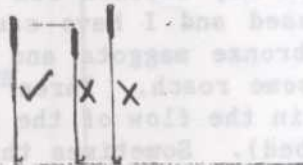
Hello again, this month we will hopefully catch some fish, as we are all beginners, I thought we would start on a slow section of the River Soar, as we walk along the bank of the river we come to a swim about 5 feet deep, it is a lovely summer morning with just a light breeze. Just to the right of us, about 3 feet out are some cabbage patch weeds. When we have set up we will try trotting our float alongside these weeds to catch a few perch and roach.

Setting up

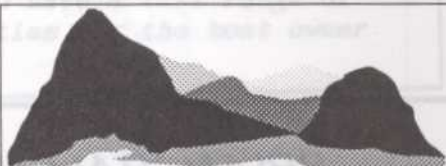
The first thing we must do is assemble our rod making sure all the rings on the rod line up, this is to allow the line to pass through easily on casting and a little time spent now will be well worth while, then attach the reel to the rod again making sure it is in line with the rod rings and thread the line through the rings. As we are not fishing a long way out and there is very little breeze, I would use a stick float using about 6 number 4 weights. A stick float is attached both top and bottom as in the diagram. We are going to try to catch fish on the bottom of the river, but we will set the weights to catch the fish as the bait drops through the water as well.



Assuming we have now set all our tackle up (including landing net, keepnet, rodrests etc) we must now plumb the depth to present the bait just on the bottom, attach the plumb bob to the hook and set the depth with the plumb bob on the bottom of the river. The float protrudes out of the water by about $\frac{1}{4}$ ".



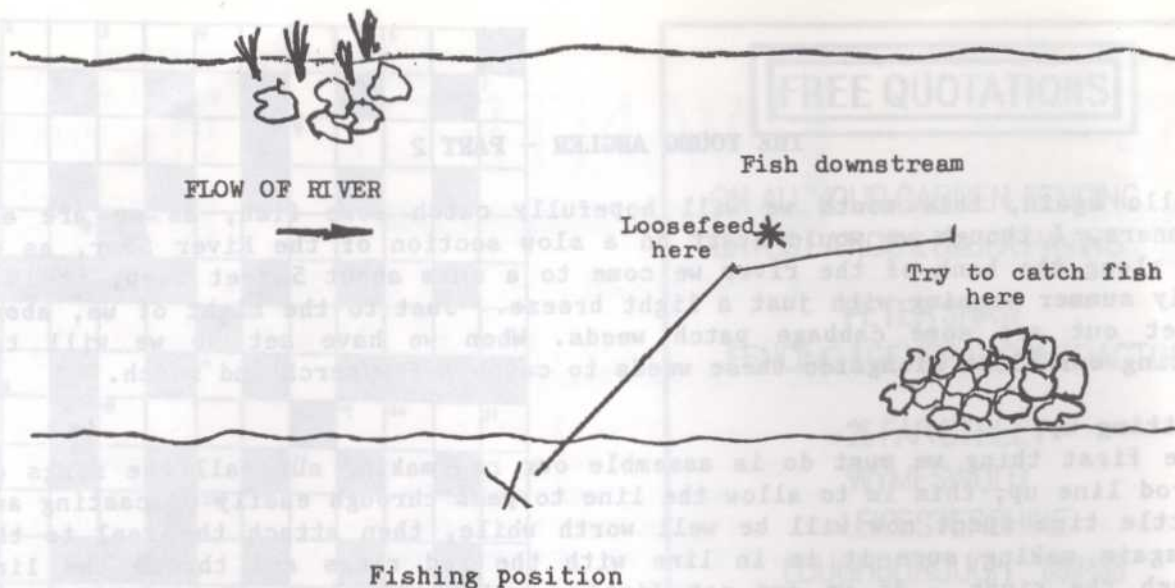
For bait I have brought with me 1 pint of bronze maggots and $\frac{1}{4}$ pint of reds and a few garden worms. There are a lot of different baits we could have brought but I have tried to keep the cost down (not much pocket money this month). Now everything is ready - lets start fishing.



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As shown in the diagram above, I am fishing and loose feeding downstream, this helps in bait presentation and stops the fish coming too far up the swim, making it difficult to control the float properly and possibly letting the fish swim to the next angler upstream of you. I am baiting the hook with a single bronze maggot and with a gently underarm cast, swinging the float into the water. Just at the point of entry, I am stopping the line to let to hook go before the float - so that the line reaches the water in a straight line. I want to trot the float down the swim keeping the hook in from of the float. This way I can keep my line tight between my rod and hook, making bites easier to hit. Now as I let my float go gently downstream, my float dips under water out of sight. I strike gently at the bit, but nothing is there. I wonder - was it a bite or did the hook catch on an obstacle on the bottom. Try again. Every cast, I am loose feeding about 12 maggots into the swim as shown in the drawing; this is to try to draw fish into the swim and encourage them to feed. I am not loose feeding too much because if I do, I might overfeed them and not get any bites at all. I have tried bronze maggots now for about ¼ hour and had no bites, so I am trying red ones. This is better first cast in and I am into a nice fish. The rod bends under the strain of the fish and I have to use my landing net to get the fish out of the water. Its a perch - about ¼ pound. Right, into the keepnet with it, another red maggot on and I will try again. Well, about an hour has passed and I have caught 6 perch but still no roach. I have carried on feeding bronze maggots and I think it is time to try them again to see if I can get some roach. Three trots down and still nothing; so I try holding my float back in the flow of the river (this lifts the bait gently off the bottom of the riverbed). Sometimes this is fatal for roach. Was that a twitch on my float? Yes, down it goes. This feels like my favourite fish and what I really came for. It fights for a while but I have it under control and into my landing net. It's a beauty - lovely condition with beautiful red fins. It weighs ¾ pound - my biggest and last today. Well, I have packed all my tackle up and made sure there is no litter about. I hope you have enjoyed our first trip to the river bank, next time maybe we can go fishing on a still water pond and catch some carp

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At the Annual General Meeting of The Sileby Townswomen's Guild held in April it was announced that a total of £600 had been raised for the charity in 1991. £300 was given to the M.U.S.T. Baby Scanner Appeal at the Leicester General Hospital, £200 to the Sileby Scouts Group towards the building of new headquarters and £100 to the N.S.P.C.C.

This money was raised from various events during the year, including stalls at The Sileby Parade and gala and St. John Fun Run day. Our main event was the Concert held in October but at the time of going to press this could be the last one for a while as our producer Mrs. Adkins has had to retire owing to ill health and so far we have not been able to replace her.

If anyone would like to come along and see one of our meetings do come as a visitor. We meet at the Community Centre on the second Friday of each month and you will be made most welcome. Speakers for 1992 include 'Leicester Old Theatres' on June 12th, 'Legends and Stories of Leicester' on August 14th and on September 11th Mrs. Mavis Mason will be telling us about her year as Mayor of Charnwood which should prove to be quite fascinating.

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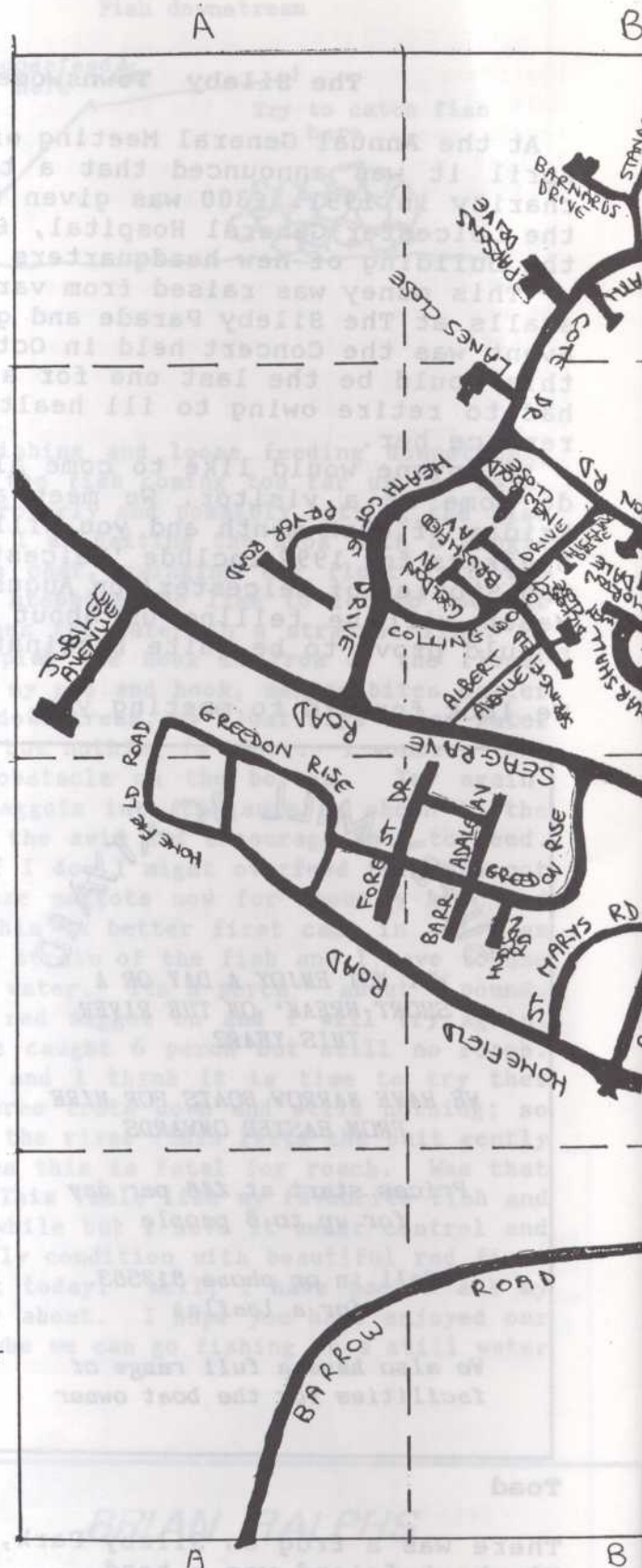
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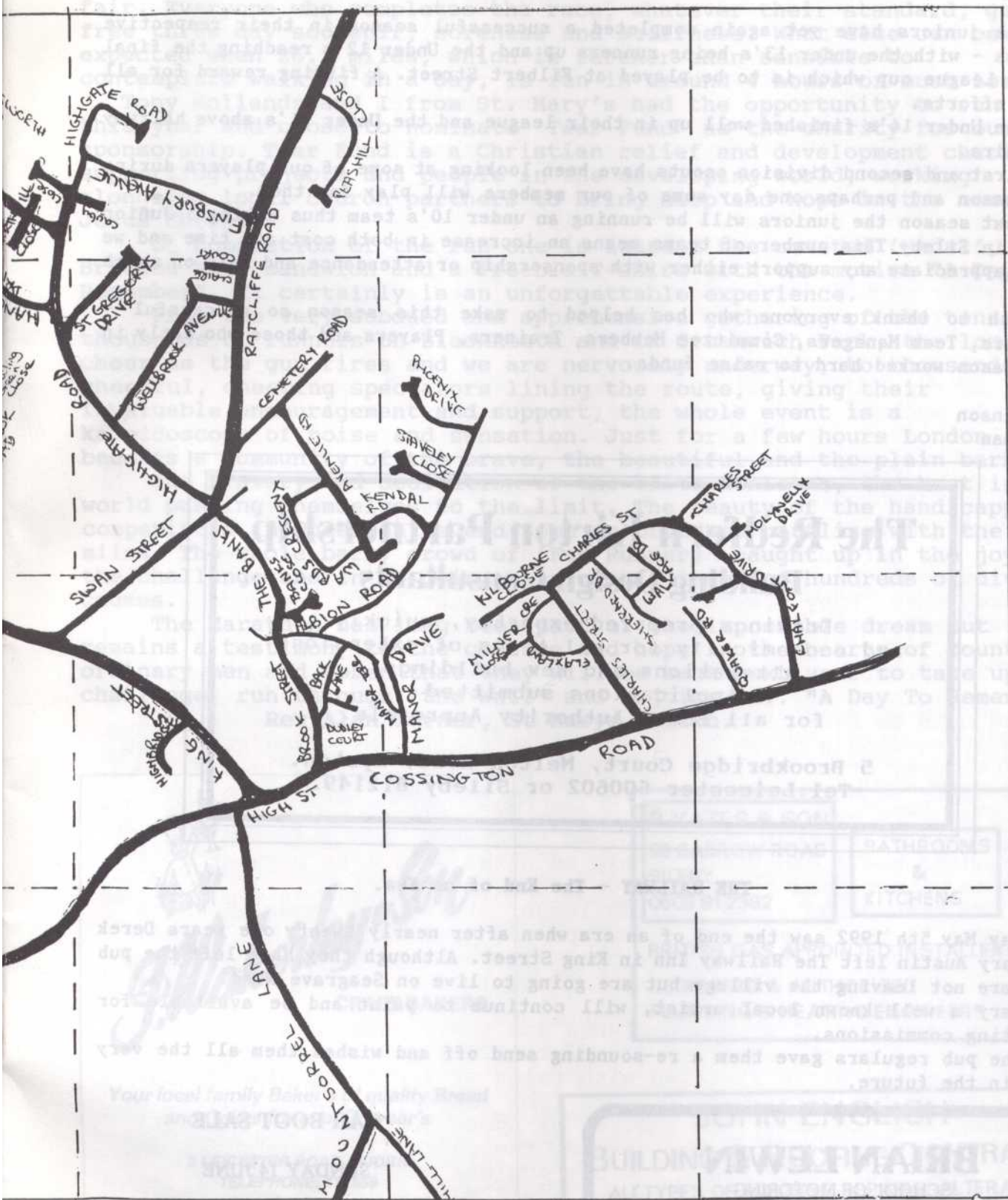
There was a frog on Sileby Park,
His best friend was a toad,
But that poor chap got squashed and killed,
As he crossed Highgate Road.

So take good care all Sileby kids,
When you cross the road,
Look well both ways before you cross,
Or you'll finish like that toad

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Bowling Green Close	D3
Brook Street	C3
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Cauby Close	B1-C1
Cemetery Road	C2
Chalfont Drive	E2-E3
Charles Street	D3-D2-E2
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Dickens Close	B2
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The juniors have yet again completed a successful season in their respective leagues - with the under 13's being runners up and the Under 12's reaching the final of the League cup which is to be played at Filbert Street. A fitting reward for all their efforts.

The Under 14's finished well up in their league and the Under 11's above halfway in theirs.

First and second division scouts have been looking at some of our players during the season and perhaps one day some of our members will play for them.

Next season the juniors will be running an under 10's team thus making 5 Junior teams in Sileby. This number of teams means an increase in both cost and time and we would appreciate any support either with sponsorship or attendance and help on match days.

I wish to thank everyone who has helped to make this season so successful - Sponsors, Team Managers, Committee Members, Trainers, Players and those who early in the season worked hard to raise funds.

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Tony Hollands and I from St. Mary's had the opportunity to run this year and chose to nominate 'Tear Fund' as the charity for our sponsorship. Tear Fund is a Christian relief and development charity, supporting projects and people in the developing world, working alongside local church partners to bring help and hope in the name of Jesus Christ.

On completion of the run one is awarded the coveted 'Medal', a British Rail sandwich and a freebie T-shirt with the motive "A Day To Remember". It certainly is an unforgettable experience.

From the very subdued and apprehensive gathering of the tens of thousands of runners on Blackheath and in Greenwich Park, the loud cheer as the gun fires and we are nervously underway, to thousands of cheerful, cheering spectators lining the route, giving their invaluable encouragement and support, the whole event is a kaleidoscope of noise and sensation. Just for a few hours London becomes a community of the brave, the beautiful and the plain barmy.

The bravery and dedication of the elite athletes, the best in the world pushing themselves to the limit. The beauty of the handicapped competitors in wheelchairs and some on crutches battling with the miles. The whole barmy crowd of 'Fun Runners' caught up in the joy of the challenge and in so doing raising millions for hundreds of diverse causes.

The Marathon has long been part of the impossible dream but remains a testimony to the courage and hope in the hearts of countless ordinary men and women that they will be back next year to take up the challenge, run through 'the Wall' and rejoice in.. "A Day To Remember"

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DR JAMES SMITH GRAY 1880-1961

My grandfather, James Gray, was born in Kincardineshire, Scotland, son of a farmer and one of fifteen children. He was one of twelve boys and they once raised a football team (with the youngest as substitute) and played the village team. He was educated at the local village school (a four mile walk each way) and at Mackie Academy, Stonehaven, from where he won a scholarship to Aberdeen University and obtained his MA. From his degree results, he won a further scholarship to put him through medicine.

After various assistantships in Scotland and England and a trip to Japan as ships Doctor, he came to Leicestershire in 1906 as locum, then assistant to Dr Dalley of Syston. In 1910, having bought the Sileby branch of Dr Dalley's practice and married Margaret Moore, who was a cousin of Mrs Dalley, he settled at Dunnottar on Cossington Road, where he lived and practised for the next 50 years, treating three generations of Sileby people. It was his habit to refer to married women by their maiden name, or even their mothers maiden name.

He founded the Sileby branch of the St Johns Ambulance Brigade and was their Medical Officer. He was a voracious reader and loved music, ranging from classical to music hall. He was also a crossword addict and was very put out if he could not complete both the Telegraph and the Times before lunch. His chief love however, was the garden with a particular love of dahlias. When Dunnottar was built in 1910 on a raised mound to be above flood water, the garden was a ploughed field and was levelled and planted by my grandfather with the assistance of John Freer. Between them, they created tennis and croquet lawns surrounded by flower beds with side gardens for vegetables, fruit trees and beehives.

The practice of medicine in pre NHS 1948 was very much a one man show. There was no District Nurse, but a "handywoman" who acted both as midwife and layer-out of corpses. Confinements or a case of Pneumonia often meant all night vigils. My grandfather had a particular affection for his older patients whom he visited informally on a regular basis. When the NHS came into force, by which doctors were paid by the number of patients on their list regardless of whether they required treatment, his reaction was "splendid, now I can visit people as often as I like without feeling embarrassed at running up a bill".

My grandparents had four children, Stuart and Angus who both followed in their fathers' footsteps and took up medicine, Isobel who after some years as a missionary in Java and Sumatra now lives in America and my mother Margaret (Peggy) Heath who ran the Dental practice in Sileby for many years.

My memories of my grandparents and their house are many and varied, from relatives of my grandfather who had emigrated throughout the world visiting with tales of far flung places, the dressing up box often with clothes from those far flung places, my grandmothers' cooking, the shelves of books to fascinate a small child - but most vividly the garden, the daffodils, celandines and sweet peas, the fruit trees and the endless space in which to play. Never had a child so magical a place in which to grow under the watchful eyes of so loving and wise grandparents.

In September 1960, my grandparents celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and were greatly moved by the affection and generosity shown to them by Sileby people. Sadly, by then, grandfather was a sick man and after retiring at the end of the year, he died in January 1961.

Eleanor Johnson.

HARRISON'S TOYS

As a young married woman with two children, paying council rent, and very little spare when essentials had been bought, I was pleased to get a part-time job at the shop, 39 High Street, run by Mrs Win Porter, who also co-owned the paper shop in Brook Street, with her husband Les. I worked there for about a year, when they decided to sell, as they were moving to bigger premises in High Street (which is still a paper shop). We were offered the first chance to buy the business, which we took, after much thought and encouragement from a friend who lent us the money. It was hard work, still living in the council house and now working full time, with very little reward, as we were paying off our loan. Mr and Mrs Busby owned the property and when the living quarters became vacant, persuaded us to move in. We didn't really want to leave Hudson Road, it was our first home together and we had worked so hard on the garden.

However, we did move in February 1958. We were allowed one month free of rent to clean the house through and January that year was awful. Tommy was at work all day, so most of the work had to be done at night - we were frozen. My Mum and Dad looked after the boys - putting them to bed, and having a nice fire for us to come home to. We managed to get it all done by moving day. It was quite a big house, with four bedrooms, one I kept for a store room and everything had to be carried upstairs, until needed in the shop. I had the biggest selection of cards in the village, which had to be ordered and bought in hand. Christmas cards were delivered in August, followed by Valentines and Easter cards, besides all the run of the mill birthdays, anniversaries etc, not forgetting Mother's Day and even St Patrick's Day. They all took up a lot of room, time, sorting and pricing.

Fireworks were delivered in August, and these had to be stored safely, with buckets of sand and water at the ready. Christmas tradeshows were in July and orders had to be placed to make sure we got the toys etc we wanted. When they were delivered it was chaos, the shop door had to be locked, while I sorted these out and humped them up the stairs. Can you wonder at me having a bad back, which still troubles me to this day?

Christmas was a very busy time, and Father Christmas was a big hit. We made a 'grotto' in our living room, which was entered through the door in the entry, so was separate from the shop. We spent nights wrapping presents, pink for girls, blue for boys and keeping them in age groups. Friday night was spent preparing the room, ready for the arrival of Santa on Saturday. It was a hectic but happy day and people often remind me of it. Each present cost half a crown (12½p), but apart from all the children, they brought all the family along. Of course I had to have help; Mum (looking after meals), Dad (Santa), Clive, the boys and their girlfriends, in fact anyone who offered. Then when the shop was shut, we had to pack everything away and put the house in order.

We had our regular customers and I ran an all year round club, most were very good at paying, I did have a few who let me down, perhaps some readers will have a guilty conscience, but I have put that behind me now. The children loved to come with their pocket money, and had great fun sorting out the 6d box. We did have a spell of boys "pinching"; I was suspicious but still shocked when I caught them red handed, but one lot I didn't suspect, and it wasn't until one Dad brought his son to apologise that I knew anything about it. I caught a girl once stealing jewellery and was really upset when I went to see her mother. I expect there were others I didn't catch, but they know who they are.

There was a cellar under the shop and when the floods came, it filled with water. There were 13 steps down, and once it reached the top, but fortunately it went down without coming over. We also had a rat down there which scratched and chewed at the door, so each time we walked by, we gave it a kick to get rid of it so the customers didn't hear it; of course a trap soon caught it.

We had two break-ins, one we heard as the shop window was smashed with a brick, Tommy jumped out of bed, grabbed his trousers and a stick and ran after him. He held on to him until the police arrived, after he had thrown another

brick through Kitchen's greengrocery shop (where the Co-op is now). He was drunk, he didn't intend to steal, he just wanted a night's kip!

The second time we didn't hear a thing, but on getting up next morning, found the window wide open at the back, dead matches strewn everywhere and my whole new stock of Timex watches among other things, all taken. No money was taken, as this always went to bed with us; it was a very upsetting experience.

For a few years we hadn't a car, so on my half day I had to go off to the wholesalers and come home laden, by train, often with great parcels of books, which were very heavy, especially at Sunday School prize giving time. Prices were different in those days, lovely books for 2/6, matchbox toys 1/6 and Christmas cards from 2d each. We had to work hard to take £1. We didn't make a lot of money, but it helped to put the jam on our bread.

As a family, we all had to pull our weight. John would help in the shop, but not Keith, but he was good at dishing up the dinner and helping me to clean burnt saucepans. We had to be open through dinner time as that was quite busy, during the factories dinner hour, so mine had to be kept hot (no microwave ovens then).

I made a lot of friends during my shop days both travellers and customers, and enjoyed it most of the time. I hated stock taking, we had such a wide range of goods, imagine counting all those cards!! I had a very keen auditor, so everything had to be done properly and accounted for. We didn't let the shop take over all our life, we managed to have our annual holiday, and Sunday was always kept for going to church.

I enjoyed my life at Harrison's Toys, but was not sorry to retire after nearly 20 years. Looking back I don't know how we did it, but of course, we were younger then.

Dorothy Harrison
Cossington

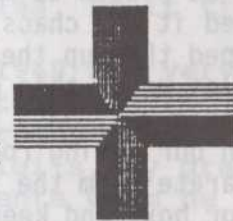


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There is always a reason for a parking restriction to be in force in a particular area even if it cannot be immediately seen.

Because of the continuing problems with the parking we decided to hold a campaign of strict enforcement during the month of March.

Between the 18th and the 28th of March regular patrols were carried out in Sileby by both Police and Traffic Wardens during this time. 43 fixed penalty tickets were issued, 13 motorists were cautioned and 9 vehicle tax offences were found.

Police and Traffic Wardens will continue to patrol the village so please think of others when you park your vehicle.

A further campaign will be carried out if the problem continues, although many think this petty it becomes very important to a blind person who walks into a vehicle parked on the pavement or a driver who becomes involved in an accident because of vehicles blocking his view.

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The Traffic Problem

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- Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
- 1 level teaspoon of mixed spice
- 6 oz sunflower margarine
- 6 oz soft dark brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon of clear honey
- 1 pint of hot water

Method

1. In a large bowl, mix together muesli, sultanas, apples, mixed spice and lemon rind.
2. In a saucepan, melt the margarine and sugar together. Add the clear honey, hot water and lemon juice.
- 3 Add the margarine mixture to the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly.
4. Transfer to a large (9" x 8") greased baking tray, and bake for about 30 minutes at Gas Mark 3, 190 C.

Recipe given by Janis - part of our editorial committee!

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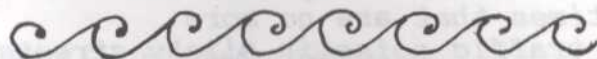
Ingredients

- 1 cup of All Bran
- 1 cup dried fruit
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup self raising flour
- 2 level teaspoons mixed spice
- 4 oz halved cherries

Method

1. Mix together All Bran, dried fruit, sugar, spice and cherries. Pour over milk. Leave to soak for an hour.
2. Add flour and mix together.
3. Pour into a greased loaf tin and bake in the middle of the oven for 1 to 1 1/4 hours at Gas Mark 4, 180 C.

Thanks to Mrs S Bosch of The Banks for sharing this recipe.



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Paul was born 400 yards from his present premises (the old Lawson Ward factory on Seagrave Road). In fact, the factory was once owned by his mother's uncle where they produced shoes. Paul started work at the age of 15 for Towles on Swan Street where he remained for 23 years before deciding to set up his own business.

Paul and Mary started their business at The Maltings, High Street. They had 3,000 square feet of space and took two weeks to set up and get their second/third hand Bently Komet machines running. Their initial production was 200 dozen pairs of socks per week, but by the time they moved to larger premises in 1980, they were producing 1,000 to 3,000 dozen per week and had 20 employees.

In 1980 Ladkin Hosiery moved to larger premises in part of the old Drivers building at Barrow. During the following decade, production increased to between 7,000 & 8,000 dozen pairs per week and the company employed 60 people.

In 1990, they moved to their current premises at the bottom of Seagrave Road occupying 23,00 square feet, and their production has now increased to between 9,000 and 10,000 dozen pairs per week, with plans to provide an extra 1,000 dozen pairs of capacity per week during the current year.

Ladkin Hosiery's sock range covers all sizes from babies to very large mens and are to be found in major high street stores. There are also major contracts to supply the American markets and Scandinavia. When possible, raw materials are bought from UK sources with an emphasis on local supply.

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THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

For those who don't know where the Community Centre is, it is situated in the middle of the village in the Old Chapel on the High Street. It may not look like the sort of building that is suitable as a community centre, however it does contain a sports hall, a large meeting hall complete with stage, small meeting room (used of Parish Council meetings), kitchen and a licensed bar. Unfortunately, it looks like what it always was, a chapel, and in fact is owned by Charnwood Borough Council. The Parish Council rent it from them on what is called "The 5% scheme". The lease is due to expire in 6 years; so now is the time to think about the future needs of the village and not wait for the lease to run out. When this runs out the building reverts to Charnwood Borough Council.

One idea is to approach Charnwood council now with a view to purchasing the land and building and then demolishing the Chapel and replacing this with a purpose built Community Centre. This of course requires a great deal of money which is why it needs to be brought up now. The Parish Council has the right to raise what used to be called "the penny rate" but it is now referred to as the "£3 community charge". This means that the Parish Council can precept £3 from every community charge payer over and above the normal precept. This would effectively raise approximately £15,000 per annum. If this is done every year until the lease runs out then a reasonable amount of money would have accrued.

Another idea is to look around the village for other buildings with similar facilities that could be used. The first one that springs to mind is the Village Institute. This has a large meeting room with a stage, a small meeting room, kitchen and a second large room. Parking is available nearby. The only facility missing is the sports hall. The Institute has the added advantage that it does not belong to the Borough Council or any one individual, making the possibility of rebuilding feasible.

The Working Mens club is another building in the village with similar facilities including a licence. These have been converted before in other villages; again the only facility lacking is a sports hall. As it would cost a great deal less to convert it to a community centre it may be possible to build a sports hall somewhere else perhaps with a swimming pool.

Some time ago the village was offered the chance of a purpose built centre in exchange for a "relief road" somewhere in the village but the price to be paid for this was considered too high. This could turn out to be a short sighted decision judging by the amount of traffic using Mountsorrel Lane now that the Quorn bypass has been built and the fact that Sibley is to get its railway station back (site to be decided).

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After inspection by Charnwood district Commissioner Mr. Stuart Holland, the parade commenced in two sections, Syston Scout Band leading the District colours, Scouts and Ventures round the village and up to St. Mary's, and Charnwood Pipe Band leading the Cubs and Beavers to their venue at the Community Centre.

Special guests included the Mayor, Mrs. Mavis Mason, (Sileby's own Borough Councillor) with her consort County Councillor Mr Ray Mason. The theme for this years service was 'Beginnings' and boys and leaders read poems and prayers, assisted by the Rev. Alan Turner, Rev. Robert Readshaw and Father Paul Casarelli. The in service collection was in aid of the Childrens Wards at Leicester Royal Infirmary.

The parade finished as it had begun at the Memorial Park with the Mayor taking the salute. The Rev. Alan Turner then dedicated the new Charnwood Colours and District Commissioner Mr. Stuart Holland invited all present to renew their Scout Promise.

To spectators the overall effect was quite impressive, not a hitch in sight, seven hundred uniformed members, all in the right place, at the right time. Separate services in different venues timed to finish together. What seemed effortless on the day was a culmination of three months preparation carried out with military precision.

The 'extra' touches too, like flowers in the Community Centre and Dias, candles for the services, umbrellas, marshals jackets etc. had been planned long in advance and many of these had been donated or loaned by firms or individuals who were not involved in the Scout Movement at all.

Group Scout Leader, Mrs Sylvia Wells would like to thank all of you who helped in any way, with a special thank you to Leaders, committee members and their spouses for giving their time and support.

As Leaders relaxed afterwards in the Community Centre the boys made their way home, one Cub summed up the afternoon perfectly to his mum "wannit Great Mam" he said "Us being first". You see, Districts always march their groups in alphabetical order, and Sileby being 'S' has for thirty nine Years been near the back.

Carole-Anne Freeman (Press Officer and Scout Leader. Sileby Scouts)

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Street Names Continued.

The first part of this article caused a few comments when published in the previous edition, we hope you will find the rest of the article just as interesting.

The map used for some of the street names is the 1760 enclosure Map. A copy of which can be seen at The Records Office - New Walk, Leicester.

- Lanes Close William Lane was a founder of a Sileby Charity.
- Little Church Lane An original main access to the church, until the present gateway was constructed in 1880.
- Manor Drive Originally a footway only, leading to Manor Terrace crossing land belonging to a Manor House on the site of the present Dudley Court.
- Marshall Avenue Mr Marshall was a local landowner and was a Freeman of the City of Leicester in 1700s.
- Milner Close) Named after landowners in the area
Molyneux Drive)
- Morton Dale New development - named by developer who has the privilege owing to small scale of the development.
- Mountsorrel Lane Originally Church Lane, but to avoid confusion was included in with Mountsorrel Lane when the original Mountsorrel Lane was re-aligned, ie the straight part from the cricket ground visible on 1760 map.
- Newbold Close Named after a Sileby charity
- North Hill Close Named after a farm a short distance away from this area.
- Park Road At the decision of the then Parish Council, named Park Road because it was exactly opposite the Memorial Park.
- Parsons Drive Landowner hereabouts at the time of the Enclosure map.
- Peashill Close A small development of land, being part of Peashill farm.
- Pochin Way Pochin was a landowner hereabouts and patron of St Mary's Church.
- Pryor Road Pryor was a landowner at time of Enclosures award.
- Quaker Road Named in 1880s when this area of land was developed into allotments.
- Ratcliffe Road The ancient and original road to Ratcliffe.
- St Gregory's Drive) Named after the two main churches of the village,
St Mary's Road) not conforming to policy on geography.
- Seagrave Road The ancient and original name of the exit of the village.
- Sherrard Drive) All named after landowners at time of Enclosures Stange
Road) Act.
- Stavely Road)
- Swan Street Until about 1890, Swan Street was known as Gate Lane. However, with development taking place (see house dates) it became Swan Street obviously dictated by the Swan Inn (rebuilt in its present form in the 1930s).
- Wards Crescent This area was developed by Mr Ward who built many houses in the area (post war - before council adopted its present policy).
- Weldon Avenue Conforming to 1760 map - local landowner.
- Wellbrook Avenue Names after Wellbrook Spring and completely misplaced. The actual spring is located on the footpath to Seagrave, just beyond the Bowling Green.

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Letters To The Editor

Sir,

Where is the "Save our Sileby" campaign? Apart from the occasional car sticker one neither sees nor hears of it's activity. Perhaps one has not looked or listened in the right places.

Its campaign, as far as one can judge is defensive-seeking cogent arguments against the incursions of big business and vested interests. However the best form of defence is attack and if the committee would mobilise a positive movement for the improvement of life and safety of all who live here, the profit-seeking predators would have to restrict their incursions within the parameters of a good and reasonable scheme.

Such a scheme might be an anti-parking lobby, or more positively, a safe and acceptable parking system. Our roads are more like breakers yards than a smooth network of communication. They are extremely dangerous to pedestrians and driver alike at any time of the day but particularly so at each end of the working day. Many are reduced to a single lane. Drivers of supply vehicles, when loading or unloading are notorious at shops in the High Street, at Middleton's on Brook Street, at The Horse and Trumpet and at Swithland Motors etc. I am sure that your readers could enumerate many more.

Nationally we are locked into a vicious circle of building more and more roads to ease the flow of traffic and at the same time allowing vehicle manufactures to overload and clog up the system by pushing out more vehicles. Each in their own way are deleterious. They destroy the environment and claim an inordinate amount of lives and manpower in the official supervision and behaviour and enforcement of regulations. It resembles a dog chasing it's own tail.

Would it be possible to reverse this madness by:

1. Prohibiting parking, stopping, loading or unloading on all through roads.
2. Create areas where parking is permitted ie cul-de-sacs, parking lots etc.
3. Designate the centre of Sileby as strict pedestrian areas only-prams and wheelchairs being the only wheeled vehicles allowed (not even bicycles).
4. Constrain all traders (retail, wholesale and manufacturing) to provide parking/loading areas OFF the road.
5. Provide bus bays to enable buses to stop OFF the road.

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Many problems would arise, not least of which would be to help those who do not have parking/garage space near their homes but these are by no means unsurmountable.

Would the "Save Our Sileby" movement be prepared to take on this scheme through the relevant authorities- the Parish Council, Police, and Planning Authorities? Once such a scheme was initiated the need for any by-pass would be obviated and Meynell, British Gypsum and the gravel hungry would have to think carefully.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Cont.

As a former member of the Sibley Carnival band, I would like to put the record straight as to it's proper name. It was the "Sibley Legionnaires".

It is worth mentioning that Harold Walin was the Bandmaster, Mr Carvell instructed us on the marching. Mr. Vin Ward was the leader and Mr W.Beardsmore was our very smart Drum Major. We all enjoyed ourselves entering the competitions, and the various parades we did.

My husband Jack was also a member of the band. If it hadn't been for the war I am sure it would have continued longer than it did. I would love to see some brave person start up another one.

Yours Sincerely Amy Elliot. (nee Housden)

REF. Proposed Sibley Swimming Pool:-

Further to the enquiry regarding the Sibley Swimming Pool. Whilst appreciating the answers given in the last issue of "THE STOCKADE" would you please answer the following questions so that the people who have given so generously to this project are fully conversant with all the details;

1. Who are the members of the committee?
2. Is the ground designated for this project still available?
(I understand it is not).
3. How much money is held in the Bank or Building Society? Which Bank or Building Society?
4. How much is raised monthly from the 100 club? (assuming this is still running).
5. If and when the pool is built how much will it cost?
6. The County Council are not interested in a pool for Sibley, so who will maintain it if it is built?

If as has been said by many there is no possibility of Sibley ever getting a swimming pool, it seems rather pointless for this money to be held in a bank. Wouldn't it be better for the people in the village to say what should happen to it - there are plenty of charities and organisations who would be pleased of help. Couldn't a public meeting be held to sort this out?

Eileen Hubbard.

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THE MOVE

The woman sat with her hands quietly folded in her lap looking about her at the packing cases strewn around the room. Most of her staff had gone and soon the men would be coming to move her. Her daughter was coming too to help her. She had consented to leave her little cottage to live in an Old Peoples Home. Of course, they didn't call it that, it was called a "court" of some sort or another, but it was still an "Old Peoples Home". It was Warden Controlled. It was Warden Controlled alright, when she had gone to look at it she had been given so many rules she couldn't remember one of them. It was her daughter who had finally persuaded her. She meant well, she called to see her every day since she had been on her own, to see if she was alright and truth to tell, that made her feel a bit of a burden.

She had lived in the cottage since she had married her man, even before that she had only lived a few doors away. The fields lay at the back of the houses stretching as far as she could see, with the brook running from one village to the next. As children, they had played by the brook every day if the weather was fit; memories flooded back as she sat quietly waiting. She had never been in love with any other man than Bill. Even at school he was her hero. They had started to go out together after attending the dances at the Village Hall. As you went in, a man sat at a little card table to take your money and you went into the tiny cloakroom with only one small mirror, where everyone queued to use it, to do your hair. When you went into the hall, the boys sat one side and the girls another. If the girls had managed to get a pair of pure silk stockings, at 4s 11p a pair, they were eager to get into the dance hall to show them off, but not too much of them in those days. When it was official that they were going out together, they went to the pictures quite a lot. It was possible to go three times a week, because the films were changed that many times. The back row upstairs was called "The Orange Box" and no-one noticed a kiss or a cuddle. They had courted for four years, no living together in those days. They had had their ups and downs in their married life, everyone did didn't they, but they had been happy years. The three daughters that they had, had all been good girls and now she had four grandchildren. Two of the daughters lived a distance away, but the youngest was quite close. Nothing had ever been the same after Bill died, the fields were still there, surprisingly they had not been gobbled up for building, but they never held any magic for her any more.

Her mind came back to the present. At the "home" the carpets were thick, not worn like her own and it was hot too, there were no windows open. When she was there, she always liked a bit of fresh air - would she be allowed to open them she wondered. Then there was the washing, she had never seen one of the contraptions at the back like a big umbrella turned inside out by the wind, with clothes pegged on to it. She liked a good clothes line where they wind could ezzle the clothes. She had been told that when she went in for a bath she musn't lock the door and they said it was better to use the shower. How could it be better, the soap never stayed on you, as soon as you soaped yourself, the water washed it straight off, what good did that do?

She couldn't think of anything good about going into this "home" and anyway, she could manage by herself, nothing had happened to her up till now.

She couldn't go, she had really known all along that she couldn't. Her daughter would be upset but she would make her understand. She look out of the window, the sun was shining on the fields - a load had been lifted from her mind. She started to unpack the boxes.

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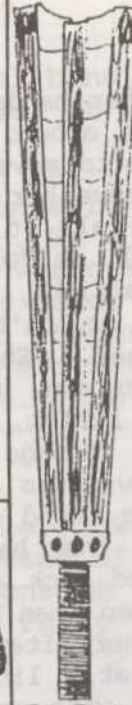
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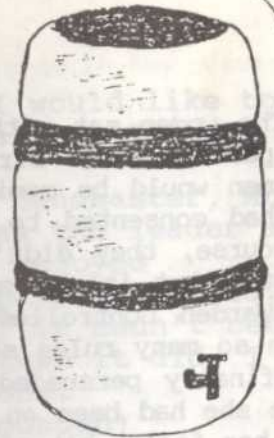
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