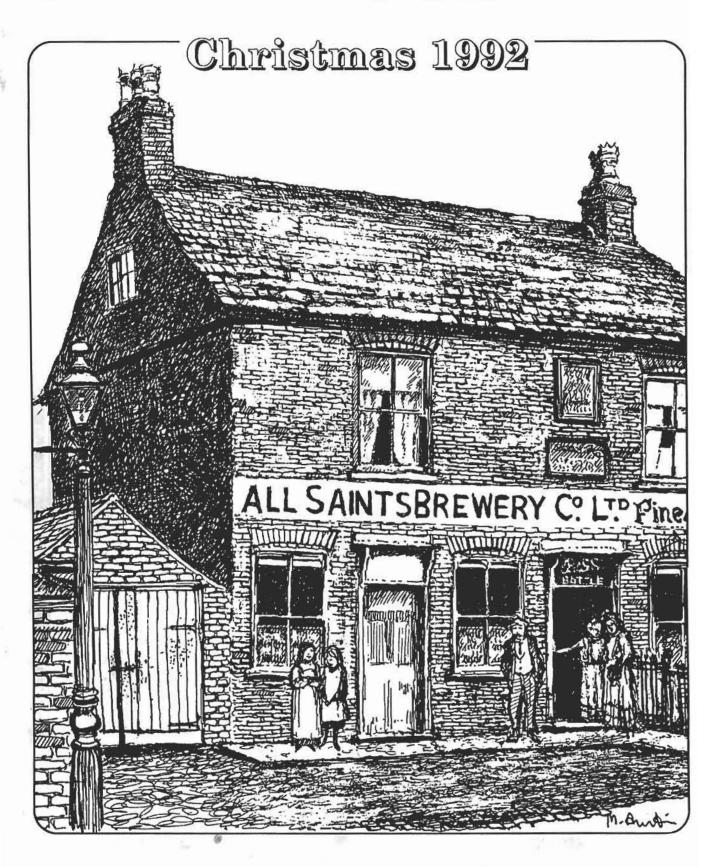
THE STOCKADE



ISSUE 7: Sileby Community Magazine

This issue's cover drawn by Mary Austin depicts the General Sir John Moore, now the site of the Betting Office and Fish & Chip shop. We think it was a Worthington public house. This is one of a set of drawings by Mary which includes The Red Lion on King Street, The Bellringers Arms on Brook Street, The Free Trade Inn as it was originally and The Fountain Inn. She has also in other works depicted The Duke of York, The Plough which was on High Street and The Railway

Do you have any memories of these establishments or pictures of Sileby that you think are of interest? If so please let us know.

We would again like to thank all of you who have helped with this edition - those volunteers who walk the streets delivering, everyone who has submitted articles and of course the advertisers.

Any articles and advertisements required for inclusion in the 8th Stockade (March 1993) can be given to any of The Stockade Committee or left at Wrights the Butchers or Powderlys Chemist, (both in the High Street). The closing date is 31st January.

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Editorial.

The Stockade has, from the very first issue, continued to grow. From a modest 24 pages printed on A4 sheets, to the mammoth 40 pages of the last issue.

The Stockade has in fact become a collectors item and many

people have kept all the editions.

Many of the articles have given lots of food for thought although whilst these articles were the subject of many a conversation few people took the trouble to respond via The Stockade. This is rather a pity because this is the only way the magazine can reflect the opinions of the people of Sileby.

I hope that those who were in the audience to see "The Creature" enjoyed it as much as I did. It was nice to see so many

people supporting the Theatre after the last play.

We have heard rumours that The Stockade is being read as far afield as Australia. If anyone, who's living away from Sileby, would like to contribute to the magazine please feel free. All correspondence can be sent to:- THE STOCKADE

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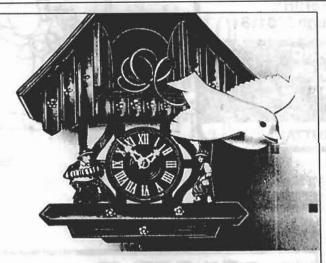
Riding pedal cycles on the pavement is also an offence and although you can understand a young child doing so, it is different if an adult or youth rides on the footpaths. Pavements are for pedestrians use and for an elderly person, confrontation with a cyclist riding at high speeds past them can be very worrying and dangerous. Please show consideration for others.

There have been 15 pedal cycles stolen in Sileby this year and this type of crime proves consistently difficult to detect. By using a few security measures you can prevent your cycle being taken. If possible, lock your bike in a garage or shed. If you leave your cycle anywhere always lock it up. Don't just leave as an easy target for a thief.

Write down a description of your bike, take a picture of it and note the frame number down. You can take your bike to Loughborough Police Station and have it post coded. Such measures can help prevent your bike being taken, or assist in recovering your bike if you are unfortunate enough to have it stolen.

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A New Face at Sileby

The local branch of the Alliance and Leicester Building Society at 4 High Street Sileby established in 1980 has a new Office Manager.

Mrs Kathryn Grocock-Matts has worked for the Society for seven years and joins the Sileby team from the Administration Centre in Oadby.

Kathryn is aware that during the last eleven years The Alliance and Leicester Building Society has built up a strong reputation in Sileby and the surrounding areas for its services and customer relations.

The team at Sileby are eager to provide the best possible service to their customers and emphazise that every service offered at the branch is equivalent to that of any other larger city office. The branch is fully able to offer all mortgage services to its customers along with loan and investment advice.

Kathryn and her team look forward to meeting you in the near future at their friendly local office.

SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Stockade magazine gives the Parish Council an opportunity to bring to every house in the village, information about relevant issues and events under the responsibility of the council.

Vandalism to Safety Surfacing - Childrens' Play Area, Memorial Park

The laying of safety surfacing under all the play equipment has been a major project for the Parish Council during this financial year. Councillors wanted this installed for the safety of all the children who use and enjoy the play equipment. After much discussion and the visiting of other play sites in the area, a contractor was agreed upon after quotations were received. The cost to the Parish Council to lay this surfacing was £4950.

The work began once the children returned to school for the autumn term, so they would not be too affected by being unable to use the play equipment for the duration of work. Councillors undertook, in their own time, to stay on site each evening until the safety surface had set and hardened. Unfortunately, several councillors were subjected to a verbal battery by youngsters on the play area and for three councillors this developed into insulting verbal abuse and threatened violence. One group of young people eventually damaged the safety surface under the 'Joywheel' roundabout which will result in this area having to be repaired to make it safe, at a further cost to the Parish.

Christmas Tree Lights

Again this year the Parish Council are pleased to invite everyone to the lighting of the village Christmas tree on St Martin's Walk on Friday 11th December 1992 at 6.30pm. High Street and King Street will also be lit with small trees. Father Christmas will be present to distribute sweets to the children. Coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards in the Youth Club (situated at the rear of the car park).

Last year the Chairman of Sileby Parish Council, Councillor Stuart Thompson, chose The Royal National Lifeboat Institution as his charity. A collection was taken during the switching on of the lights and £44.85 was raised. They also had a stall in the Community Centre which raised £78.60, making a total of £123.45.

Sileby Parish Council look forward to seeing you all on this happy and festive occasion. May we extend to everyone the compliments of the season and wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.



The Community Centre

There has been much debate in recent issues of The Stockade about the future of the Community Centre. As you may be aware, the Parish Council currently leases the building from Charnwood Borough Council but now there are only six years left before the lease expires.

Recently, informal discussions have taken place with the District Valuer and Charnwood Borough Council about the possibility of purchasing the property outright for a present day figure of approximately £90,000. There are undoubtedly a lot of improvements that could be made to encourage it's full potential but the Parish Council are disinclined to do so when they do not own

the building; what do you think? Does Sileby need a community centre? Should we build a new one? Where should it be? On the High Street or somewhere more central? Can we or can we not afford to have one? Ultimately the decision has to come through you, the residents of the village. For this reason the Parish Council would like to hear what you really think of about the future of the Community Centre. So please consider the options over the next few months and then come along to the Public Meeting which is to be arranged for the New Year. Look out for details of the meeting in the next edition of The Stockade and on posters around the village. We look forward to hearing your views and opinions.

Beverly Burton (Parish Council Clerk) and Stuart Thompson (Parish Council Chairman)







SILEBY RAILWAY STATION

In the last issue of The Stockade the question was posed "Where was the STATION going to be?". It was meant to get the people of Sileby thinking about where they would like the station to be before the village was presented with a "fait accommpli".

Things are progressing and no matter what you may have read in the local press the station may not necessarily be built on the original site. Information has come down from the County Council regarding the station at Barrow on Soar. The station, if it gets built, will not be sited on the original site as British Rail says there is nowhere to build one owing to the fact that the line has been straightened and trains now go much faster. Now you may ask what has this to do with Sileby? answer - a lot. British Rail is putting forward a similar reason for not siting the station on the old site.

If the station is not to be built near the co-op carpark where is it to be? I offer the following scenario based on logic and what has been said by the County Council and Charnwood Borough Council.

The County Council have said that Charnwood Borough Council have to pay for the building of the three stations in it's borough; Syston, Sileby and Barrow, at an estimated cost of £50,000 per

station. Charnwood have indicated that they are not too happy about this. The County Council have appointed a co-ordinator for The Ivanhoe Line. His job is to liaise between The County Council, British Rail and Private Industry. I ask you if the Government and The County Council are putting up the money where does private industry come in?. One area that immeadiately springs to mind is Private Industry builds the Stations.

Now, Private Industry is not going to build a Railway Station for nothing so what is in it for them? - BUILDING. The company which owns a prime site for a station is a well known local

building firm. I'll leave it up to you to work it out.

The local plan for Leicestershire indicates areas for growth in housing and stipulates that there shoud be an alternative means of transport to roads i.e The Railway. Sileby was one of the designated areas. For people to make use of a Railway System there must be either a good car park or lots of houses within easy walking distance. The co-op car park is well used at present so if the station was built close by it would be full before 8 o'clock in the morning, therefore nowhere for the shopper to park. Also the number of houses within easy walking distance are very few. So if a station was built in a different place i.e up towards Leicester look at all the "Building Land" available. Remember the SILEBY BY-PASS? No Road therefore no HOUSES. With the building of a station there is no need to build a road bridge across the railway, people could go to work on the train.

Another new development, The Roundabout at Cossington Commercials for The Syston Northern By-pass. This would make an ideal starting point to connect up with any new housing/industrial development on the proposed Sileby By-pass development thus giving a quick and easy access to the A46 instead of onto Ratcliffe Road.

Now, I do not say that this will actually come to fruition but the village should bear this in mind for the future and keep a weather eye open. We do not want another By-Pass fiasco where the village was almost kept in the dark.

T.J. Mugridge

P.S. Before you dismiss this out-of-hand read the Parish Council page with regards to the Community Centre.

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The Stockade improves with every issue and I find the various articles both informative and amusing. I was especially interested in the contribution of Mrs S.Smith, not particularly for what it said about the "S.O.S.'s" battle of the by-pass but for the facts it omitted or mis-

represented at the time of the inquiry. I mention but a few:

1) Fact, Demolition of Sileby Hall - not so. The only part to be demolished was an isolated dormitory building which was obsolete and due for

demolition or alteration.

2) Removal of various trees. Whilst some trees had to be removed, the development overall involved the planting and landscaping with several hundred trees, to a plan and programme approved by the Planning Authority.

3) Fact, Library - the proposal was not to rob us of our library but to replace it with a more upto date building in a more central position.

4) Fact, the Village Institute - The proposal, agreed by the council was to provide a completely new <u>Institute</u> on a flat site and more conveniently sited for the bulk of the population (no ramps or steps) and with all modern amenities - Not a bad swap seeing that the present Institute is wood built and over seventy years old; salvaged from a P.O.W. camp at Corby after World War 1.

5) Demolition of Factories. It is understood that these properties are actually owned by one of these "criminal developers" and were proposed to be replaced by new factories on the 14 Acres allocated for industry adjacent to the Railway. This site would have taken industrial traffic away from the centre of the village and provided local employment for the people

living in the new houses, thus again reducing road traffic.

6) One last remark. The S.O.S. campaign completely failed to realise that heavy goods traffic from the new Mountsorrel by-pass to the A46 would take the most direct route, so that instead of reducing traffic through the main streets of Sileby. They scored an OWN Goal the results of which we endure

every day.

W.PRESTON

Reply to above letter.

Having had an opportunity to read Mr Preston's article I would like to close this subject by reminding those people who did not agree with the S.O.S campaign that ALL the facts were presented to an independent inspector at the public enquiry back in March 1991. After he had considered all the facts and made numerous site visits, the inspector recommended that Sileby be deleted from The Soar Valley Plan.

JANIS BISHOP

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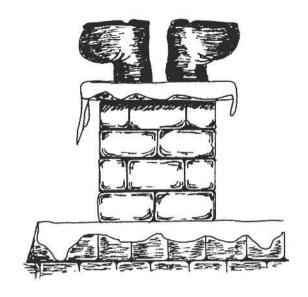
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A NOSTALGIC LOOK BACK

"Howd my bred an chasse while I have a fate", with these words Ike Kidger handed his lunch to a member of his gang, crossed the road on Dudley's Bridge and put up his fists to me. Tich Lewis and me had just walked from Cussy where we lived; It was in the early 1920's when I was a slip of a boy.

The incident arose when Ike had shouted "What are you posh Cussyites doing in Sileby?". My rash response was to tell him to mind his own business or I would deal with him.

He was just beginning to make mincemeat out of me when fortunately Bobby Locton appeared on his bike, gave us both a clip behind the ear and sent us on our way. When we were older and wiser Ike and I became good friends.



Living in the twenties in the small quiet village of Cossington where nothing much happened of interest to small boys, Sileby drew us like a magnet. There was the 'Tin Hut' at the bottom of Ratcliffe Road. The show I best remember there was Maria Martin in 'The Red Barn'.

The Futurist Cinema appeared in Swan Street, where for a few pence the silent films of the day were shown. Bert Baum was the owner and his wife played the appropriate music on the piano. There were regular concert parties at the 'Stute', behind The Free Trade. All exciting stuff to young boys.

I can still hear the strains of Romana as we approached the Catholic Hall on The Banks, for the weekly dance. The Sileby girls were a big attraction, Edna Peel, Nellie Briars, Ina Beadsmore, Olive Harrison and Murial Shuttlewood to name but a few.

At about the age of eleven, I fell passionately in love with Elsie Chamberlain. She never knew this because I was afraid to speak to her. Elsie attended Barrow Grammar School and she travelled to and from school by train. I would come out of Cossington School, run to Sileby and stand at the corner of Charles Street and watch her turn towards home. She wore the smart school uniform of the day and carried her school satchel. As I stood there with legs like jelly and thrilled to the core she passed with hardly a glance in my direction. Each day I vowed I would speak to her tomorrow; I never did dare to do so.

Sileby has grown tremendously since the twenties but even then it supported three great football teams; Excelsior, Imperial and Victoria, not to mention Cossington Road Rovers which was a boys team run by Bert Jones

Bert, who was a great sportsman challenged the Cossington boys to a match during the school holidays. It took place on Cossington Recreational Field and we lost 20-0; It took a long time to live that down!

The September Wakes was another event not to be missed, then held in the field behind the Conservative Club, it was a tradition then to bake a special Wakes Cake for the occasion, usually washed down with a glass of home made wine.

The annual Whit Monday parade was colourful and exciting and many beds were provided for The Leicester Royal Infirmary with the money raised from this event. Arthur Trasler's name comes to mind as one of those who worked so hard for this very worthy cause.

Sileby supported two brass bands, The Town and The Imperial. The Town Band played in Cossington at tea-time every Christmas Day for many years.

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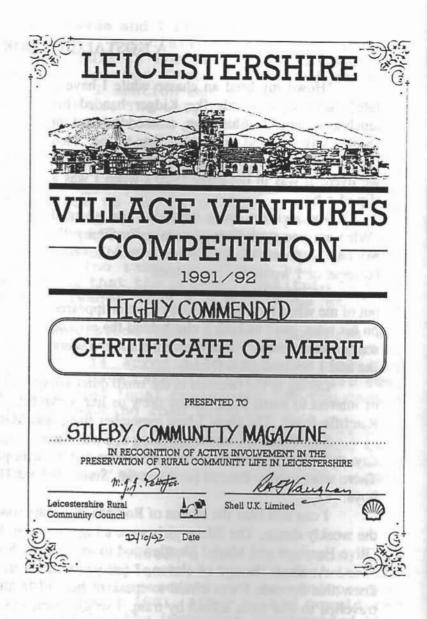
The Stockade was entered in the "Village Ventures" competition for 1991/1992. The competition was organised by the Leicestershire Rural Development Commission. It was also supported by the Leicester Mercury.

All the projects that were entered had to have been started in their village in the previous year. Fortunately when we heard about the competition we were just within this time limit to be able to enter the Stockade. We submitted all the issues to date showing how each one had improved both in content and presentation.

There were 22 entrants from all over the county with projects such as The Cottesmore Pool Roof Appeal, The Burbage Independent Youth Club (the eventual winner), The Refurbishment of Essendine Village Hall and The Measham Village Appraisal to name but a few of the worthwhile entries.

All entrants were invited to the Loughborough Road Headquarters of the Leicestershire Rural Community Council for the presentation evening and buffet.

On behalf of the Stockade committee and all of you who have helped, Janis and Tom accepted a Highly Commended certificate of Merit together with a cheque for £50.



Anagrams of Sileby street names supplied by Marjorie Turner.

1) A FLITCH VENDOR	11) BLANK ACE	21) LAID ON BOAR
2) LEATHER CRESTS	12) EVEN OUR ADA	22) SIR RON'S PAVED
3) A.A.GAVE ORDERS	13) DRONER SIEGE	23) COW BELLS DONE
4) NAVAL RULE SHAME	14) WOOL LIDDING COVER	24) HANKS BETS
5) RUN NO MORE STELLA	15) STRIDES IN GORY GRAVE	25) TEN WASTERS
6) POOR DR RAY	16) A WHINY COP	26) SELL A SCONE
7) ADD HONOURS	17) SMELLIER CON	27) A NAKED LORD
8) RACEY DEMOTER	18) HIT HEATED COVER	28) GET TINKERS
9) A BORING SOD	19) FAT CLAIRE FORD	29) LOONIER BUCKLES
10) DRAIN REMOVER	20) STORED FIVER	30) LE MONTE ROAD

The Post Office was next door to the Wesleyan Chapel with Fred Goss being Postmaster and also Church warden.

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The dentist visited George Skelton's Chemist Shop in High Street once a week and I painfully remember sitting in the dentist's chair having a tooth extracted in the stockroom behind the shop.

Breeds in Brook Street were the Sileby newsagents. The business has carried on through the years and is today, still in the High Street but now owned by the Leicester Mercury. I can still see Julie Breed wobbling along on her old bike delivering papers in Cossington.

Space will not permit me mentioning all the Sileby people I so well remember but I must mention The Rev. Burrows, Vicar of St Marys. I remember him as a tall gaunt, kind man who wore a hard black hat with a low crown. He circulated in the village, had a word for everyone and was well loved.

Sileby was traditionally Liberal politically and in character they were kind, generous, hard working and independent people who worked for so many charitable causes. I am proud to have been associated with Sileby in so many different ways over the years. I have many Sileby friends both old and new who mean a great deal to me.

If my memory in some small detail after so many years has failed me, there will alas be few left who can question it. I did ask George Watts, my life time friend and contemporary to jog it on one or two things.

By JACK MEADOWS

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- 1. 1 Prancing Horse on a Farrari
- 2. 20 Baby Teeth
- 3. 14 Days in a Fortnight
- 4. 3 Wise Men
- 5. 2 Bottles in a Magnum
- 6. 2 Halves in a Whole
- 7. 360 Degrees in a Circle
- 8. 6 Sides to a Cube
- 9. 6 Balls in an Over
- 10. 4 faces on Big Ben
- 11. The 2 Ugly Sisters
- 12. 12 Days of Christmas
- 13. 3 Coins in a Fountain
- 14. 4 Inches in a Hand
- 15. 5 Toes on a foot
- 16. 22 Yards on a Wicket

- 17. 20 fluid Ounces in a Pint
- 18. 4 Stations on a Monopoly Board
- 19. Blue Signs on a Motorway
- 20. 6 Suspects in Cludo
- 21. 8 Pints in a Gallon
- 22. 8 Furlongs in a Mile
- 23. 6 Feet in a Fathom
- 24. 13 Loaves in a Bakers Dozen
- 25. 25 Blackbirds baked in a Pie
- 26. A Triangle has 3 Sides
- 27. 25 Newspapers in a Quire
- 28. 21 Spots on a Dice
- 29. 8 Triple Word Squares on a Scrabble Board
- 30. 8 Notes in an Octave



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The events diary is held at the High Street Chemist. If you are organising any public activity please let us know as early as possible.

THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER 1992, 7.30pm Fashion show and Sale at Sileby Community Centre in aid of Sileby Swimming Pool Fund. By ticket only, £1.50 from Wartburg Insurance or Powderly's Chemist, High Street.

FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER 1992 Lighting of the village Christmas trees. 6.30pm at Martin's Walk.

WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS As arranged by Sileby Swimming Pool Committee, FATHER CHRISTMAS will be touring the streets of Sileby. COME OUT AND SAY HELLO!

THURSDAY 31st DECEMBER 1992 New Year's Eve Party Dance at St Gregory's Church hall. Tickets limited, £3.75 each. Please contact Phil Walker on 813739.

THURSDAY 4th MARCH 1993 The Natural Express Theatre Company will perform "The Battle of Bosworth" at the Community Centre. for further information contact the Stockade Committee.

Look what's on at the Liberal WMC During December

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Saturday 5th	Steve Santana (Male Vocalist)		
Monday 7th	Rock and Roll		
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Thursday 10th	Rock and Roll		
Saturday 12th	Steve Raffles (Key Vocalist)	MEMBERS	
Monday 14th	Rock and Roll	and	
Thursday 17th	Rock and Roll		
Saturday 19th	Tony Martin (Male Vocalist)	C.I.U. Affiliates	
Monday 21st	Rock and Roll	ONLY.	
Thursday 24th	Xmas Eve Disco		
Saturday 26th	Lunchtime Disco		
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One layer of sliced raw potato, seasoned with salt, pepper and a shake of packet sage and onion stuffing (Knorr Cyder & Apple if available). One layer of sliced cooking apples and a little sugar.

One layer of skinned and flattened sausages.

One layer of Cooking apples, a little sugar and a shake of packet stuffing.

One layer of sliced raw potatoes, seasoned with salt and pepper. Finish by half filling the dish with water and dotting the top layer with a few knobs of butter or margarine.

Bake in a pre-heated oven at Mark 5 (190°C) for around $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The cooking time depends on the thickness of the potato and sausage.

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JENNIFER HAYWARD (AGED 10)

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Then there's holly and there's ivy And even Santa's beard, Synthetic, well what do you think? They really look so weird.

The Christmas tree is plastic, The berries are as well, The fairy's made in Hong Kong, As anyone can tell.

The yule log fire is electric, It isn't blazing wood, And now no silver "tanners", To put in your Christmas "PUD".

It's an imitation Christmas, So where did the real one go, Can anybody tell me, Does anybody really know?

I liked it as it was before, When everything was fine, And we all sat around the blazing fire, Sipping Grandma's parsnip wine.

When we sat there expecting Santa, To peep round the door, We knew he'd hang presents on the tree, and put others on the floor.

Though times may change and fashions alter With the passing of the years Still rings the old Christmas greetings Ever sweetly to our ears.

Throughout the world in joyful chorus, Bells salute this wondrous day, While voices echo "Happy Christmas", In the good old fashioned way.

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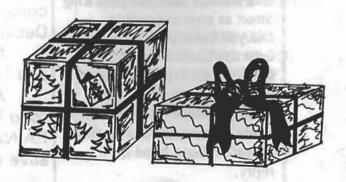
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WISE MEN SAW THE STAR THAT NIGHT
SHINE BRIGHT AS DAY
WATCHED IT COME TO REST O'ER THE STABLE
WHERE THE BABY LAY
SHEPHERDS STOOD AND WATCHED AFAR
WONDERING AND IN FEAR
ANGELS TELL THE WISE MEN THE NEWS
OUR PROMISED LORD IS HERE
BABY WHO LIES IN STABLE
NEVER SUCH A LOWLY BIRTH
SOON TO BE KING AND LORD FOR EVER
KING O'ER ALL THE EARTH
GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH
HEAR THE ANGLES SING
BLESS THIS NEW BORN BABY BOY
OUR NEW BORN KING

CHRISTMAS STORY TOLD EACH YEAR

LET THE CHURCH BELLS RING

LET US JOIN AND SING WITH THE ANGELS

PRAISE OUR LORD AND KING

HOLY IS THY BLESSED NAME

JESU LORD WE LOVE

NOW YOU REIGN FOR EVER AND EVER

FROM YOUR HEAVEN ABOVE

JESU THE SON OF MARY

BORN ON THIS CHRISTMAS DAY

BORN 'NEATH A STAR STILL SHINING BRIGHT

TO GUIDE US ON OUR WAY

GLORY TO OUR LORD ON HIGH

EARTH AND ANGELS SING

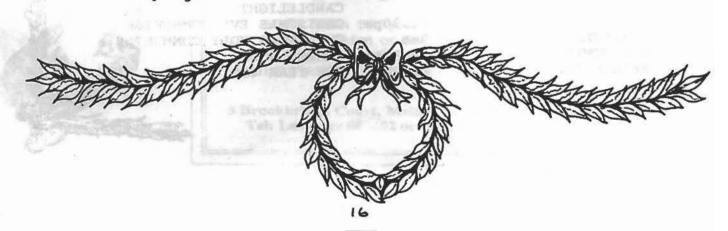
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LIFE AFTER SILEBY?

Dear All,

Thank-you very much indeed for sending me a copy of The Stockade. It makes wonderful reading and it brought memories of Sileby flooding back to me, all of them happy ones.

I am really most touched by Popsie's paragraph of farewell to me, and I really don't deserve the kind remarks which she made, but they are

much appreciated.

I am glad to say that I am settling in very well and am very happy here in this delightful market town; the natives are very friendly! I have very comfortable accommodation here in the Presbytery and the Parish Priest and I get on very well and I must admit that it is very nice to have a bit of company in the house. It is a wonderful 'living' parish with plenty of participation by the parishioners in all spheres. They are very loving and gentle people and very prayerful.

So called 'retirement' (a priests work is never done) is rather like slipping into fifth gear - progress is smooth and gentle and without fuss. I am enjoying it!

God bless you all and thanks for the wonderful friendship we have

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Sincerely

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The Sileby old brickyard on the Ratcliffe Road was typical of these local brickyards and depended on the availability of coal which came by canal barge to a dock near Sileby Mill. Coal was then transported by horse and cart to Ratcliffe Road, loaded and unloaded by hand to fire the kilns. The finished bricks were then transported by horse and cart to the local building site - in these days a totally uneconomic method. The development of Steam power and hence the building of the railway transformed the scene and in Sileby all the clay deposits were soon developed by local entrepreneurs who realised that coal could be delivered very close to the kilns and the finished bricks despatched to the cities. A great deal of labour was required which led to the expansion of the village e.g. Albion Road, Barrow Road and Cemetery Road.

Steam power was also used to prepare the clay and extrude the clay through a "die". This made the production of common bricks very quick. These bricks were then dried in large sheds with underfloor heating using the waste heat from the steam engines and boilers.

The extraction of clay transformed the village; in fact on Barrow Road a whole hillside was transformed into a deep hole and later filled in with brickyard waste. The only remaining part of the hill can be seen by the cottages on the old footpath and originally known as "Underhill". The depth of the excavation in Barrow Road can be seen by the fact that the present Spurway factory was built on the bottom of the claypit. The later expansion to the rear meant that 1000's of tons of the old filled in claypit had to be removed to maintain a level floor.

When the brickyard in Barrow Road was nearing the end of it's economic life, the Albion Road brickyard was opened up and soon spread into Cemetery Road. The development, although contributing to the prosperity of the village, had the disadvantage that huge scars were left on the landscape which had a continuing effect on the future development of the village.

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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER?

The four of us on The Stockade Committee were really pleased to have a full house for 'Creature', the new play which was performed by The New Perspective Theatre Company at the Community Centre back in October.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the night and by all accounts so did

everyone else - including the cast.

"The time is New Years Eve 1999, the place Sileby Community Centre and the scene sets us in the middle of a 'Lucky ware' party arranged by Shelly Dewsbury and her son Derek. The error of a double booking is made, so we have Mrs Dewsbury's party and Professor Cape's lecture on the supernatural taking place in the same room.

Both characters agree to come to the aid of Sarah-Jane Cottingham Breeze who's luck has definitely been lost along the way, and the evening progresses in an attempt to rid her and her house of 'the Creatures' which

have been plaguing her life for a year."

With the help of the audience, a great set and a little imagination we were taken back to the house in question where the investigations continued and the plot thickened and like all good stories justice was done, romance blossomed and everyone lived happily ever after.

We'd like to thank all of you for coming along on the night and those budding actors who participated with such good humour- Alan, Freda, Stuart and Marjorie not forgetting those on the sound effects and the Rotweillers

and seagulls!

The next event for your diaries will be 'THE BATTLE OF BOSWORTH' by THE NATURAL EXPRESS THEATRE COMPANY - Not one for the serious historians amongst us - be prepared for an enjoyable night and don't forget to bring your imagination along too!

DATE :- THURSDAY 4th MARCH 1993, 7.30pm

VENUE :- SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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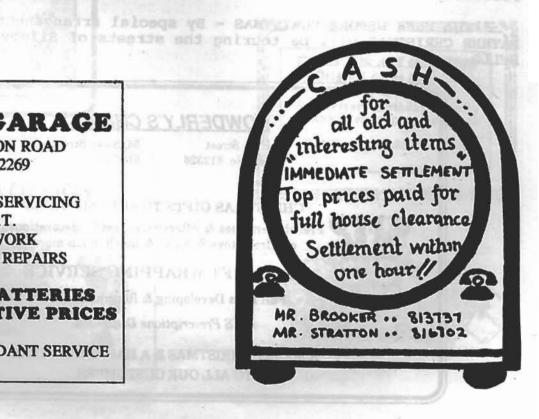
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SILEBY SWIMMING POOL FUND A.G.M. 14th OCTOBER 1992

Recent correspondence in The Stockade ensured a lively interest in the Swimming Pool Fund's A.G.M. and the Ante Room of the Community Centre was packed to hear the Committee's plans and to question their conviction that

a pool can be built in Sileby.

The Committee reported that although large scale fund raising had been suspended recently, audited accounts showed assets of £31,615.46 at 30th June 1992. While it was recognised that this was a long way short of what would be required to build a pool in Sileby there was a need for more facilities in the village which often seemed to be overlooked by Local Government.

Questions from the floor queried whether the scheme was still viable with building costs continuing to rise, whether the site was still available and if either Councils would provide any help. The Committee were able to confirm that as far as they were aware the site had not been withdrawn but until further work had been done, the question about Council help and building inflation must remain open.

Speakers from the floor confirmed that a new generation in the village wanted to further the project and offered their support, this was welcomed by the Committee who declared that one of the reasons why the fund had not been so active lately was that the majority of the work had fallen to a few

dedicated people.

The meeting agreed that further investigations should be made into current possible costs and what help may be available from sports bodies and Government. Fund raising should be renewed and new initiatives to promote the project be taken. ALL THIS REQUIRES PEOPLE POWER! IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING IN THE VILLAGE, GET TO KNOW NEW PEOPLE, GET INVOLVED!

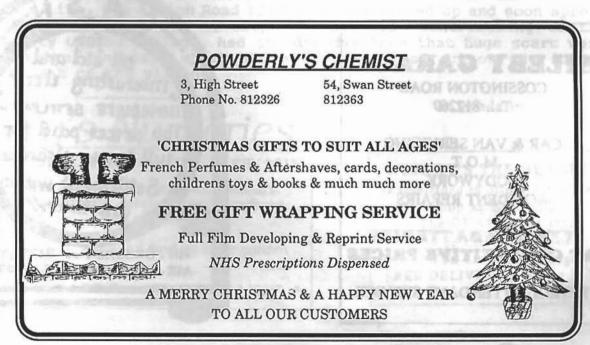
Join the pool supporters by ringing Chairperson Betty Crick on 813335, Brian Hewitt (Vice Chairman) on 814966 or make yourself known to one of the

Committee.

SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING SWIMMING POOL FUND EVENTS ;-

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER - FASHION SHOW AND SALE at Sileby Community Centre, 7.30pm. By ticket only, £1.50 from Wartburg Insurance and Powderley's Chemist, High Street.

THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS - By special arrangement FATHER CHRISTMAS will be touring the streets of Sileby. COME OUT AND SAY HELLO.



SILEBY LADIES METHODIST CIRCLE

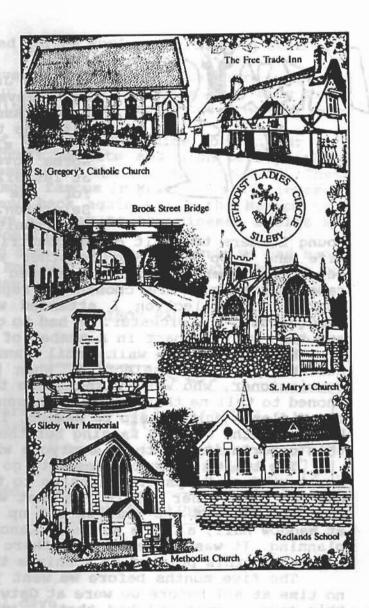
Sileby teatowels and notelets are available from Methodist Ladies Circle. Key landmarks within the village are depicted as can be seen from the sample opposite. Tea towels cost £2.50 and a pack of ten notelets are fl. Both make good Christmas presents and will no doubt be of special interest to people who no longer live in the village. Members of The Ladies Circle will obtain supplies for you but in case of difficulty contact Mrs. Vera Freer(1 Albert Avenue) or Mrs Brenda Wassel (11 Homestead Close Cossington). A11 proceeds will be used support the annual Flower Festival at the Methodist Church, which raises funds for



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A TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

In July and August of this year, I and eleven other members of the Girl Guides Association went on the trip of a lifetime to Mexico.

It all started in October 1991 when Norma Lovett, the Guide Leader in charge at 1st Sileby Guides, put my name forward for the yearly County International Selection. Every year there are opportunities for Guides, Rangers and

Young Leaders to visit other countries to experience another way of life and help to bring together World Guiding. It is at these selections where girls are assessed on their personal qualities and capabilities and are chosen to represent their County and Region abroad. The selection I attended was for a day at County Guide Headquarters in Leicester. We had to give a short talk about ourselves and then we took part in a number of activities.

We all had to wait until January '92 to hear who had been successful at the selection. When Mrs Ronnie Johnson, the County Commissioner, who was at that time the County International Adviser phoned to tell me that I'd been chosen to represent Leicestershire and the Midlands on the trip to Mexico, I couldn't believe it. I had five hectic months of fund raising for the trip and I'd again like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved.

The twelve who were chosen to go to Mexico were from all over the country, from Hampshire right up to the Orkney Isles, and none of us had met each other before. So that we weren't complete strangers at the beginning of the trip we met up for a weekend at the end of May at Waddow Hall, a Guide House in Lancashire to carry out some initial planning. It was while we were there that we designed the logo shown and we had this printed on t'shirts to wear whilst we were in Mexico.

The five months before we went just seemed to fly by and it was no time at all before we were at Gatwick Airport. So much happened on this trip - good and bad that it would take pages to write it all

down, so I'll just tell you about the most memorable parts.

There were a lot of delays during our flight out to Mexico and at one point at Newark Airport in the U.S.A we sang campfire songs in the middle of the departure lounge to pass the time! The first place in Mexico we went to was Puebla, which is a town just south of Mexico City. We arrived at the bus station in Puebla at 1pm and were still there at 4pm. Somewhere along the line the information about our arrival date and time had got muddled up. At Puebla, we each stayed with a family connected with 'Guias de Mexico' and apart from the language problems we got along fine. The group travelled around in VW Beetles most of the time and once managed to fit eight people in one car! During our four day stay we visited 'Africa', a popular safari park.

From there we went to our Cabana, one of the four World Centres for Girl Scouts and Guides. I enjoyed this part of the trip the most. I learned a lot about myself from being with people of different nationalities, including girls from America and St Vincent, and I made

lots of new friends.

During the eight days we were there we did many activities at the Cabana, including a service project. Sightseeing included a lot of churches! The service project, which we all enjoyed, involved us in painting and tidying a shanty town kindergarten and its garden nearby. Unfortunately, the kindergarten's 'thank-you' gift of fruit caused some stomach upsets within our group, and this meant that one of the girls couldn't go to the fiesta which was arranged at the Cabana for

us. The Mariachi band that played for us during the evening serenaded her at her window!

From Cabana we went on an overnight bus to Oaxaca where we stayed with different families for four days. During our sightseeing trips we watched people making traditional clay pots and saw yet more churches!

In Mexico City we stayed at Ticalli, the Guide Hostel. Our time was spent looking around the craft markets and sightseeing, which included visits to the Aztec temples of the sun and the moon. These two temples are the largest and most famous in Mexico. One achievement was to get to a craft market and back again using the Mexico City underground! During the evenings we went to the cinema, ballet and some restaurants (including McDonalds).

We were sad to leave Mexico and all the new friends we had made, but after so long away from England and more delays during our

journey, we were very glad to see home.

ALISON FAULCONBRIDGE

True Friends?

There was a chap of high degree He swanked about his property Drank gin and vodka, smoked cigars Drove nothing but the fastest cars

Come recession, lost his job
Cash all gone to his last bob
To the scrap heap he was banished
Where's my pals?
Why have they vanished?

W.P.



SCHOOL DAY MEMORIES

My memory goes back to my school days, and the church up the hill, I see very plain, The school and the school house, both old structures, That leaked in a down-pour of rain.

And the children, all skipping to school, The greeting was always the same, Always a happy "Good Morning", And always on time for a game.

The teachers would settle all quarrels, Every child was kept in its place, Their heart was really set for their job, and always a smile on their face.

A hymn before we went home in the evening, Then a race from the school down the hill. The street would ring with childish laughter, Those echos are haunting me still.

But those days are now but a memory, And I could ask for nothing more, Than to meet again all those school pals, On " The Everlasting Golden Shore".

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Dear Readers,

I don't know if any of you Sileby people saw a programme on BBC2 on August 19th called "Video Diaries". It was called "In Bed with Chris Needham".

Chris is my son (both sons were in the video). It was about his life and getting his band called "Manslorter" together. The boys are aged between 16 and 18 years old. Christopher has written a couple of songs since the video. One is called "I don't want to save the world".

The group have played at the Skittle alley of the Horse and Trumpet, the Royal Mail public house in Leicester and a return visit to the

Skittle Alley at The Horse and Trumpet.

They play Heavy Rock rather loudly and a lot of young people enjoy them.

Carol Needham (Christopher's Mum)

Dear Editor,

Through your great magazine I would like to thank all the customers of Barclays Bank Sileby, for their friendship and support to me during my time at the branch.

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It catered for juniors and adults until Easter 1992, when lack of demand caused the termination of the junior hour. However the adult session between 7.30 and 10.30pm on Wednesday evenings is still operating and visitors will be welcome.

Please contact Pat Spencer, tel. 812112, or

just turn up on the night.

SILEBY EVERGREEN CLUB

The Musical evening (consisting mainly of songs from the shows) took place at the Village Institute on 15th October. What a marvellous and

enjoyable evening it was. The artists who performed were all excellent, as was the pianist who was kept very busy accompanying them all. The bubbly personality of Sandra Roberts, who brought along her friends to entertain us was delightful. The singing by all of them was first class.

The profit from the evening will go towards the cost of the repairs and redecorating which have recently been completed at the Village Institute. It is hoped that we can persuade Sandra and her friends to come to Sileby sometime next year - to give us the pleasure of listening to them again. Thanks go to all of you who supported our event.

We are still having Whist Drives and Bingo on the first Saturday of each month at 2.30pm in our newly decorated premises to which anyone is

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KAYE MACHIN

COUNTRY BORN

I'm so glad at heart to be a 'country lad'. The son of a country mum and dad. Steeped in the knowledge of country ways, Happy and contented through all my days. To know of each path and peaceful glade. With nature's riches all around displayed. Each precious flower in the meadow sweet, The green grass soft beneath my feet. The hedgerows too in their grand attire, With blooming dog rose and blackberry briar, The birds that sing each fresh new dawn, Make me feel so glad that I was country born.

I love to see how with rhyme and reason, Nature achieves the changing of each season. The snows of winter - each frost by night, keeping the earth glistening, crisp and white, The birth of Spring - its emerging green, Transforming the countryside to a brand new scene. The fields of Summer, with morning dew, And mist dispersing as the sun breaks through. The Autumn leaves which gently fall, creating a colourful carpet over all. No, my mind is never with conflict torn, I'm just so glad that I was country born.



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SILEBY BOWLING CLUB

Throughout the summer months there is great activity around the green at Sileby Bowls Club. As well as many Saturday "friendly" matches against clubs in the Leicestershire area, Sileby competes in the Loughborough league, Leicestershire league and county competitions.

Twelve competitions are held with in the club and on Saturday 7th

October at the Bowls Club Dinner and Dance the presentations were made. The evening was a great success and although some members did not manage to

attend, everyone who made the effort thoroughly enjoyed it.

For one member in particular, the club competitions of 1992 will hold special memories and gives proof to the old adage "if at first you don't succeed ". Harry Trasler, on his 87th birthday won his first club competition when he and Dave Hewitt won the Mens Pairs.

If anyone would like information or is interested in joining Sileby

Bowls Club please contact Bernard Porter on Sileby 814394.

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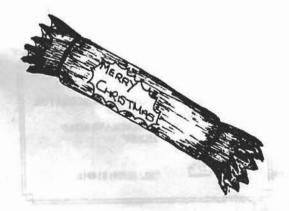
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SILEBY CHARITY DARTS LEAGUE

Thursday 8th October saw the start of The League's 25th anniversary. Some of the players from those early years are still darting and still playing from "The Railway" where the idea of The League was conceived. Eric Barefoot, the newly elected President of The League is one of those stalwarts.

Over the years, thousands of pounds have been raised and donated to local charities and deserving causes. In recent years £500 has been the minimum The League has been able to donate each season. We rely on the willingness of sponsors for the divisions and various competitions held within the league to enable us to raise this money. May I take this opportunity to thank all businesses and individuals for their valued sponsorship through the years and hope they are all as successful as The Sileby Charity Darts League.

This year The League comprises of three divisions, that's at least 120 ladies and gents, making Thursday nights very sociable and

competitive in the village.

The League is run by a dedicated committee but the real back bone is the secretary Colin Baker whose hard work ensures that season after season is almost trouble free..

Before closing I'd just like to mention the darters at "The Fountain" who in the last two years have raised £140+ for each of Highgate and Redlands School funds. Thanks again to John Winterton, of the "Tower Tool Company" for valued sponsorship.

I will detail all sponsors for our anniversary season in the next

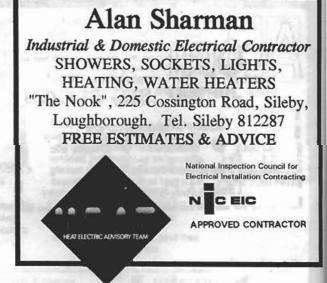
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JENNIFER COWLING



LEICESTERSHIRE BREAST SCREENING SERVICE



If you are a woman between 50 and 64 years old and are registered with a Doctor whose surgery is in the Sileby area you will soon be receiving an invitation and appointment to attend the screening mobile in the car park of the Loughborough General Hospital, Baxtergate.

One in twelve women in the U.K develops breast cancer. If the disease can be identified early enough there is a good chance of making a full recovery.

The method used for screening is an x-ray technique and it will only take about half-an-hour. The results will be sent to you within two weeks.

There is more information in the leaflet which will be available at your surgery, local library, Chemist and Post Office.

If you belong to a group which would like someone to come and talk to members please contact Caroline Harding on Sileby 812343.

If you are 65 or over you may also attend for free screening but you will need to phone the breast screening office to make an appointment (Leicester 340414).

If you are under 50 you will not be able to use the service but leaflets on Breast Awareness will be available at the surgery and Chemist.

Whatever age you are if you notice anything unusual about your breasts GO TO YOUR DOCTOR who will refer you for specialist opinion if necessary.



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