

THE STOCKADE



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We would like to thank Helen Root for supplying us with the cover, showing St Gregorys Catholic Church, for the 8th edition of The Stockade.

The cover of the last edition showing the General Sir John Moore had a lot of people reminiscing about the pub and bygone Sileby. We were hoping that someone would put pen to paper. It's not too late - just give any submissions to one of the Stockade Committee or hand it into Wrights Butchers or Powderlys Chemist, both in the High Street. The closing date for the summer edition of The Stockade is 30th April. You can also send articles to :-

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EDITORIAL.

It is nice to see that at least someone reads the editorial and responds to the articles. It makes the hard work which goes into the production of THE STOCKADE seem worthwhile.

In this edition the problem of parking around the village is again raised. This has been raised by many people including our own policeman. However I see no point in the police or anyone else for that matter complaining about the parking if they are not prepared to do something about it themselves. Take the pedestrian crossing in High Street; how many times have you seen vehicles parked in the zig zag lines and a police car drive slowly past and do absolutely nothing? the same applies to visitors to various corner shops. Doesn't the motorist realise that yellow lines are put there for the safety of others and not as reserved parking for lazy people.

Enough of this subject there are other emotive issues on the horizon, namely MORE HOUSES, proposed by Charnwood Borough Council for and around the village.

In this edition we have produced a map showing the three sites which are within the boundary of Sileby (375 houses) as well as the site for a 'new village' (1500 houses) just south of Sileby. It's time to prepare our response to this proposal together with that for the Slash Lane industrial development. Do we want them and if so what will the builder be prepared to put back in the village. The previous builders were prepared to build us a new road over the railway at approx £2.0 million pounds. What price now a new purpose built community centre, new recreation facilities etc?

T.M.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SILEBY

If you would like anything included on the diary page for the next edition of The Stockade please tell one of the Stockade committee members, or put the information in the events diary, which is held at Powderlys Chemist in the High Street. Information must reach us by 30th April, with the summer edition being delivered at the beginning of June.

THURSDAY 4TH MARCH, 7.30pm. The Natural Express Theatre Company will perform 'The Battle of Bosworth', at Sileby Community Centre. This event has been arranged by the Stockade and promises to be a great night out, suitable for all the family. Tickets, available from Powderlys Chemist or any Stockade committee members, are priced at £2 and £1.50 for concessionaries.

SATURDAY 13TH MARCH, 9am - 11.30am. The St John's Badgers rummage sale takes place at St John's Headquarters, King Street.

TUESDAY 16TH MARCH, 2PM - 3PM. A farewell presentation will be made to Dr Keith Dunbar at The Banks Surgery.

THURSDAY 25TH MARCH, 7.30pm. Fashion show and sale at Sileby Community Centre in aid of Sileby Swimming Pool fund. Tickets are priced at £1.50 and are available from any of the Swimming Pool Committee or Wartburg Insurance, Swan street.

SATURDAY 27TH MARCH, 10am - 12pm. The Friends of Swan Street Surgery are holding a coffee morning at Sileby Community Centre.

TUESDAY 20TH APRIL, 7.45pm. John Skorik and Shaun Butler are organising another charity pop quiz. This will be held at the Sileby Working Men's Club (King Street). Anyone wishing to enter a team should contact John (Sileby 8137883) at least one week before the evening.

SUNDAY 9TH MAY, 2pm - 5pm. Sileby Bowling Club are holding an open afternoon at the club house. Everyone is welcome, just turn up or phone Bernard Porter (Sileby 4394). Please bring flat shoes with you.

JUNE 12TH, 13TH and 14TH. Sileby Methodist Church will be holding their annual Flower Festival, at the Methodist Church on King Street.

TUESDAY 20TH APRIL. Beverly and John Burton annually organise the Sileby Parish Walks for the Parish Council. All walks

TUESDAY 15TH JUNE. start at 7pm at Sileby Community Centre and range from

TUESDAY 13TH JULY. two to five miles around the parish footpaths. Notices

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An article in the last issue of The Stockade talked about a new station for Sileby. Some concerns may have been created as a result of suggestions about where the station may be built and I am pleased to have the opportunity to write about the new station and about progress on the project.

The new Sileby station is planned to be built on the site of the former station, adjacent to the car park off King Street. This is the same site as the one originally proposed when work first began on the project and British Rail have not suggested any other site. A suitable site must have simple access and enough space between the tracks for a platform and both these conditions are met at King Street. The plan for Sileby station is well advanced and it is expected that the design drawings will be available very soon. The Parish Council will be invited to see plans of the station and this will be followed by a formal application to Charnwood Borough Council for planning approval.

The new station will consist of two platforms, one on the eastern side of the tracks away from the car park and one between the middle pair of tracks. Each platform will have a waiting shelter, lighting and fencing. The complete station is likely to cost substantially more than £50,000.

One question remaining to be answered concerns access to the platform in the middle of the tracks for trains travelling towards Loughborough. The old filled-in stairway behind the bricked-up entrance under the railway bridge over King Street will shortly be opened up by engineers to see if it can be refurbished and used for the new station. Any photographs of the old stairway or of the old station would be welcomed.

Once final approval has been given to the plans, it is hoped construction work can start later this year. The Ivanhoe line project is jointly sponsored by Leicestershire County Council and Derbyshire County Council. The main aim is to restore passenger services to towns and villages that lost their trains in the 1960's when there was a major reduction in the railway network. Developing the existing network of railway lines by building new stations and increasing local rail services is part of Leicestershire's Transport Choice Strategy and this will bring many advantages to the region including environmental benefits, reduction in traffic congestion and new prosperity to areas where the mining industry has disappeared.

Most of the necessary funding for the £16 million scheme, which was approved by the Government in January 1992, is being provided by the department of Transport. Private sector support will be sought for a small part of the project cost and there will be contributions from other sources, including some district and borough councils. The full passenger train service, which will operate from Loughborough to Derby via Leicester and Burton on Trent, will begin in October 1995. However, the section between Loughborough and Leicester serving Barrow on Soar, Sileby and Syston is due to open in May next year, well before the complete scheme.

The main part of the project involves building 16 new stations. Other major work includes modification to the tracks, provision of new signalling arrangements and acquiring rolling stock. Most of the track and signal modifications are on the line between Leicester and Burton and little work is required on the Midland line between Loughborough and Leicester.

Further information about the project can be obtained by contacting me, Peter Garrood, the Ivanhoe line project Manager, Leicestershire County Council (Leicester 657349).

BACK ON THE RAILS

There is a space beside the tracks
Where Sileby station once proudly stood;
In those days before the 'Beeching Axe'
Cut out the so called 'dead wood'.
For our station was but a number
On the roll of British Rail;
Progress, it must not encumber,
And protests were of no avail.

It had served us well in peace and war
As we journeyed throughout the land;
But despite all that had gone before,
Its' demise was near at hand.
And soon a way of life was gone,
With each familiar sight and sound;
Only memories linger on
From that desolate piece of ground.

Now we of the generation
Who have known 'The Age Of Steam'
(which gave us access to the nation)
Can only hope and dream
That this new line named Ivanhoe,
And everything that entails;
Will for Sileby strike a mighty blow
By putting us back on the rails.

S. ALLEN

SILEBY POP QUIZ

We'd like to thank Shaun Butler and John Skorik for the article which they submitted about the Pop Quiz held at the Working Mens Club a few weeks back. Unfortunately we've lost it! The dog assures us she didn't eat it and the Editor did not throw it out. Rumours suggest that it could have been because Liz and Jan came last in the quiz, however they deny everything! We'll never know! They did however confirm the opinion held by everyone that the evening was thoroughly enjoyable. It is hoped, however, that the next booby prize will be less harmful to health than the Ken Dodd single they received!

Shaun and John obviously spent a lot of time and effort organising the evening and arranging the questions. Thanks go to both of them and also to Rob "Groovy" Young who helped with the scoring. The winners on the night were DENNIS'S RAVE RAP ROCKERS!

Another evening is scheduled for Tuesday 20th April. Anyone can enter. Phone John Skorik at least one week before the event to enter a team of four people. Telephone 813783.

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ONE MEMORABLE DAY

After performing with Elsie as Florrie and Ada for 30 years and attending all the other events that happen in a lifetime of 70 years, it's natural that things get a bit of a sameness. Without wishing to sound blase nothing seemed to make me say "That was smashing" until 1991 when two things happened that had me saying "That was absolutely great!" The first was Dr Christie's retirement party.

Whilst we knew it was imminent, all his patients were sorry to hear that Dr Christie was to retire. Gradually it became apparent that people wanted something to be organised, they wanted to say "Thank-You" for over 30 years of care he had given to his patients. His down to earth manner and sense of humour had endeared him to the people of Sileby.

The late May Robinson arranged for a small group of us to meet together in a room at Dudley Court. It was decided to invite Jean Christie, the doctor's wife as she would be able to offer guidance and suggest a date. Murial Jones, his receptionist also came along to help. A social gathering with a presentation was thought to be the best idea and so the Community Centre was booked for a Saturday night during January 1991. Visitors had to be invited, toasts and light refreshments to be arranged. Notices were put around the village inviting everyone who wished to come to this special event.

Up to this point everything had been fairly simple. The trouble was we had no idea how many people would come. When the day arrived, a group of us busied ourselves setting tables around the hall with little snacks on each one. As the evening drew near we all felt nervous, saying to each other "Well, if fifty people come we'll make it a lovely evening". On my way down I met someone who said to me "Are you going to the do?" "Yes, are you coming?" I said. She told me that her friend had invited her around for the evening. "Well, I wish you would come because we want a good few people there".

I arrived at 6.30 and after finishing off the final preparations we stood around anxiously ready for the 7.30 start. Then at 6.50 it happened. People came in droves, the tables had to be moved as they were useless and took up precious space. Well before 7.30 the hall was packed with the foyer full too. It was a heart-warming sight to see the people pouring in to pay tribute to the Doctor.

When he arrived with his family, he received quite a shock, seeing so many people. We knew he would not enjoy a lot of fuss so no press photographs were taken nor were any professionals from outside the village invited. Dr Christie had wanted to share this night with his friends and patients from the village.

After the official speeches and toasts, Dr Christie walked around the room and made a point of speaking to everyone he could. It was lovely to see whole families and in one or two cases three generations came along to see him.

Dr Christie told us what a great evening he'd had and it's an event I will never forget. After worrying about how many people would come, it was the way everyone turned up, that made me say afterwards "That was an absolutely smashing evening".

POPSIE GILBERT

As you browse through your copy of the STOCKADE don't forget to complete and return:

- ORGANISATIONS IN SILEBY ON PAGE 14.**
- SWIMMING POOL FUND CLUB APPLICATION ON PAGE 16.**
- COMMUNITY PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE ON PAGE 18.**
- CAR SHARING - LeicesterSHARE - ON PAGE 36.**

SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre AGM which was held in January was attended by only 14 people of which the majority were Parish Councillors. The committee elected for the forthcoming year is:-

CHAIRMAN..... Stuart Thompson (816288)
SECRETARY..... Tom Machin (814215)
TREASURER..... Beverly Burton (813075)
BOOKING SECRETARY..... Kay Machin (814215)
OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS.. Caroline Harding, Mike Jones, Janis Bishop

We would all like to thank Gordon Ward & Betty Crick for their dedication and the many hours of their free time that they have committed to the Centre in difficult times during their term in office.

The first committee meeting of this year was held at the Centre on 19th January and involved familiarising ourselves with the workings of The Centre. We look forward to a constructive time in office & welcome any ideas the people of Sileby have to improve the Centre & it's facilities.

The Centre consists of four rooms including a large sports hall and any can be booked on an hourly or daily basis. Kitchen and bar facilities are available and all heating & electricity is included in the hire fees. Rates are very reasonable starting from as little as £1 per hour.

Please phone Kay Machin (814215) to hire the rooms in the Centre or for more information. If you would like to see the facilities available one of the Committee would be pleased to show you around.

The Functions Room

This large room with stage can accommodate 200 people and is an ideal place to hold large meetings, parties, discos, fitness and dance classes to name but a few. This can be booked as a single room or you may like to hire it in combination with the other rooms in the centre for your celebrations. The option of a bar is available.

The Sports Hall




Why not take advantage of the Sports Hall? A badminton court is set out with nets available and there's plenty of room for indoor football, hockey & netball practice.

The Primary Room

The room will comfortably seat forty people and with the rates of hire being so reasonable it would make a great venue for a coffee morning, meeting place for an afternoon group or as a small lecture room.

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JEAN PARKER

BADGERS

May I ask the people of Sileby please, not to throw out items that could be sold. Twice in the last few weeks I have noticed saleable things put out for the refuse collectors - One was a box of crockery and the other was a box of toys. There are quite a few organisations in the village like the St John's Badgers who survive mainly on rummage sales etc. There has been a form printed in the stockade previously asking for details of such organisations without much response so far. If all the leaders phone numbers were printed in the stockade the people of the village could ring and ask if their unwanted goods would be of any help.

Whilst putting pen to paper, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Gala Committee for the donation to the Badgers which was given to us last year. It is very much appreciated and has gone to good use.

Thanks also go to our assistants, Sarah Westbury, Paul Measures and Gina Doore - thanks very much to all of you.

RITA WAIN, Badger Leader (Sileby 812344)

SILEBY QUIZ LEAGUE

It is with regret that I have to announce that after the end of this quiz season I will not be able to run the quiz league any more. Questions are getting much more difficult to find and a change of employment means I don't have so much spare time to devote to the quiz. I hope somebody feels able to take it over as I fancy playing in the league next year. If anyone wants to take it on and they need help for the first month let me know. You can always leave a note at the Free Trade.

Thanks for your support.

GRAHAM SMITH

MEMORABILIA

The White Swan pub would like to hear from anyone who has any old photographs of the premises.

Is there a historian in the house? A serialised "History of Sileby" would make fascinating reading. More recent events could be supplemented or corrected by "trips down memory lane".

Keep the articles rolling in for the next edition of the STOCKADE!

In particular let's have some more drawings for the front cover from the more artistic amongst you. Don't be shy. It's your magazine!

THE OLD WELLBROOK SPRING MEMORIES

Few people except the older generation of Sileby residents know the precise location of Wellbrook Spring. Wellbrook Avenue is quite half a mile from the spring and heaven knows why a road so far away should have had this name bestowed upon it - long ago!

The history of the spring is a tale of lost opportunity. It is situated at the edge of Collingwood Drive where the Seagrave footpath crosses the road. When the estate was built, the spring was piped into a storm water drain and now discharges into the wash land area adjacent to the brook.

The spring itself was interesting and never dried up even in the most severe drought. It consisted of a small pond where cattle could drink and it was fascinating to us kids to watch the water bubbling up from the sandy bottom of the pond. The water was very cold, clean and pure and was very refreshing. There was no wildlife in the pond, the water being too cold.

Children often stopped and lay down to drink from the spring, which did them no harm. It would be interesting to compare this with the canned junk drinks on which the youngsters of the present generation spend their money!

When the housing development was planned surely this unique feature could have been landscaped and its beauty exploited, instead of being buried underground to gain a few extra yards of building land.

This is a glaring example of the committee structure of the late Barrow R.D.C - Persons from outside the area voting for something they know nothing about, with no consultation with the local residents who have knowledge of the area. Although the Wellbrook Spring was mentioned at the committee meeting when the plans for the development were discussed, it was not thought to be important enough to oppose!

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The bowling green is situated off Seagrave Road in Sileby and entrance is via Heathcote Drive, Collingwood Drive and Springfield Road.

The only special requirement is a pair of smooth flat shoes, plimsolls or even carpet slippers - but not trainers please!

For more details contact **BERNARD PORTER** on 814394, or just come along on the day.

SILEBY TOWN CRICKET CLUB

PLAYERS REQUIRED

Sileby Town Cricket Club this year has been awarded a certificate as an approved coaching centre for this area by THE LEICESTERSHIRE CRICKET ASSOCIATION. Junior players are required for all age groups between 8 and 17 years, beginners and experienced. We have four junior teams, all with regular league fixtures. Coaching is provided for all.

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SILEBY LAWN TENNIS CLUB

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ANYONE FOR TENNIS? The 1993 tennis season is about to begin at Sileby Tennis Club, where courts should be open for Easter.

New members of any age or standard of play are always made very welcome, but this year we are looking particularly for extra players for the 'Wilson' Leicestershire Doubles League. We have five teams entered, three mens, one ladies (playing matches in May and June) and one mixed (playing matches in July and August).

Other events for all willing members include the Club Championship, Knockout, Handicap and family competitions as well as monthly American tournaments on Sunday afternoons.

If you prefer tennis of a more informal and sociable nature then we have a family/club night on Sunday evenings and a ladies night on Monday evenings. For the younger players we have a thriving Junior section with their own special events throughout the season.

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FEEDBACK

I read with great interest W.Prestons's article "Brick Production in Sileby", published in the last Stockade.

My great grandfather, William Trickett Wright was one of the entrepreneurs mentioned and I well remember with nostalgia, being taken as a child by my father Cecil Wright, to the brickyard and seeing the various processes involved in the art and craft of brick making. The hand-made process and the kiln operation proving most fascinating.

The war of 1939-45 saw the buildings at Albion Road being utilised for Government storage purposes but following the war, production by the Wright family was again resumed.

Difficulties arose however, from the lack of use of the machinery and the very severe winter conditions of 1947, when the clay pits were flooded. This produced an enforced closure of the company and whilst other interested parties did continue with brick production for a while the development of the technological age ultimately rang the death toll of the dear old Sileby brick yard. A day of sadness, I am sure to all who had been connected.

Joan Lovett (now of Rothley)

In the entry about brick production in Sileby written by Wilf Preston, mention is made about a brickyard on Ratcliffe Road. One of the first trustees of the Primitive Methodist Chapel, on its opening in 1886, was Mr William Adcock who, in the directory of 1871, was described as a brick and tile maker of Ratcliffe Lane, Sileby. At about this date or soon after, Swan Street was built over a period of several years incorporating decorative tile friezes in the facades of the houses. It would be reasonable to assume that these tiles were made at Mr Adcock's clay pit in Ratcliffe Road.

J.H. Whittington

We are four ladies that feel quite strongly about the need to have a Community Centre for our village. It unites the residents of Sileby in many pleasurable activities such as play school, a variety of children's dance classes, aerobics, badminton, fetes and party functions to name but a few. We think Sileby would be lost without a Community Centre. Also with the increasing numbers of infants living in the village, we would be struggling if there was one less building to hold the playschool. Some of the little ones would probably have to miss out on going there.

We would be interested to know if other residents of Sileby feel strongly enough about the need to have a Community Centre. We would be pleased to attend the public meeting to discuss the future of the Community Centre.

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Sir,

In issue 7 you call for written comment (Editorial); "Sileby Railway Station" and "The Final Word" provide me with the opportunity to make an effective apology to S.O.S. for my apparent criticism (Issue 5). None was intended but it did spark a spirited response from Sheila Smith and her committee to enlighten us to the sterling job they did (Issue 6). It is worthy of note that after many strong objections to the planned bypass/gravel extraction, it was left to a few to present other aspects of the proposals which some might find it convenient to disregard.

It would seem that S.O.S. might be called on again to provide "another voice", since the planners and developers have not given up (T.J.Mugridge, Sileby Railway Station). If S.O.S. takes up this new challenge it will need practical support (please call) and constructive opinion which can also be expressed through your pages (Editorial request).

A new Railway Station is a great idea which could certainly alleviate the traffic problem, but while developers make this the point of sharp focus, what might be the wider consequences of any of the possible sites? T.J.Mugridge raises many questions including the ownership of land, prime sites or ransom strips, which could provide lucrative returns on which to 'emigrate' and leave others to live with the consequences.

One of the most difficult tasks facing an organisation like S.O.S. is the lack of 'inside information' from which to assemble the relevant facts - those central to the argument and those peripheral. It is so easy to make mistakes when current issues and subsequent implications are clouded in secrecy, which of course provides the protagonists with destructive ammunition.

Through points 1 to 6 W.Preston (The Final Word?) begins with knowledgeable condescension to point out the facts (just a few!) omitted or misrepresented by Sheila Smith and concludes with derisive condemnation (they scored an own goal) in the hope that by casting doubt on a few points he will thereby destroy the whole credibility. Why?

Proposed schemes are in the pipeline which provoke comment, both critical and constructive which all too often are lost in closed circuit conversation. However S.O.S. and your own pages provide a platform, sustained by the enthusiasm of a few who have promoted us to look behind the list of glittering benefits to the broader consequences of improvements. Many thanks to you both.

B. Sherratt.

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SILEBY TEATOWELS AND NOTELETS

Sileby Methodist Ladies Circle thank everyone who bought their teatowels and notelets for their support. Both teatowels and notelets were very popular and were sent as gifts to friends and relatives worldwide. Several times we ran out of stock and apologise for any trouble caused. At the moment we have no teatowels. We shall order again in time for the Flower Festival on the weekend June 12th, 13th and 14th. Come and admire the flowers and we shall be delighted to sell you a teatowel.

THE GHOST OF POLLY PEGG (by JACK MEADOWS)

Should the good people of Sileby venture abroad beyond their parish boundary with Cossington just before dawn when the moon is full, beware the ghost of Polly Pegg.

The sign Polly Pegg stands under The Churchill oak tree pointing along the footpath which leads to Crabtree Lane.

Polly Pegg as a young girl went courting a Sileby boy. At their third meeting Polly stained her moral purity. She was frightened and hid her condition from her parents for as long as it was possible.

It was the custom in olden days for wrong doers to do penance, that was to spend the whole night in the parish church covered in a white sheet. This was where her father sent her and told her never to darken his door again.

It was just before dawn when Polly left the church, she had nowhere to go and didn't know where the father of her unborn child could be found. She had nothing to live for and in her distressed state of mind she ran across a field and threw herself into a deep pond and was drowned.

The path she took became known as POLLY PEGGS which eventually became a right of way. Cossington Villagers have claimed to have seen the ghost of Polly Peggs running along this footpath just as dawn is breaking when the moon is full.


AGORAPHOBIA, PANIC ATTACKS, ANXIETY ETC

Do you (or someone close to you) suffer from agoraphobia, panic attacks, anxiety etc? Would you like to make contact with others in a similar situation? We hope to set up a small network of people who would like to offer support and share information with each other. To find out more, phone JUNE on Sileby 813129 or call at the Banks Surgery and ask to speak to Caroline Harding.

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THE STOCKADE DIRECTORY

The Stockade committee need your co-operation. Our aim is to produce a directory for the village to include useful information, but we can't do it without your assistance. In the last two editions of the magazine we requested people to let us know about any clubs, groups and organisations that are active in Sileby - **SO FAR WE HAVE HAD ONLY THREE RESPONSES.**

SILEBY VIKINGS JUNIOR BASEBALL TEAM. This is organised by Tony Green (Sileby 816198) for anyone between 11 and 17 years of age. Training takes place on Saturday afternoons at Highgate School during the playing season in the summer.

1st SILEBY BROWNIES. Mrs E. Taylor (Sileby 814874) can be contacted for more information. There is a waiting list to join. Activities include games and crafts with lots of enjoyment and FUN!

THE WHITTINGTON BADGER SETT. Mrs R. Wain (Sileby 812344) is the Badger Leader. Boys and Girls between 6 and 10 years of age learn about first aid, communications, resourcefulness and a lot more. Once a year there is a camp at Beaumanor Hall and other outings are arranged. If anyone is interested it is important to join the waiting list early .

Many people say there's nothing going on in Sileby but we don't believe that's true. So please, take a few minutes to fill in the form below and give it to one of us or hand it in at Powderlys Chemist or Wright's Butchers, both in the High Street.

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NAME OF ORGANISATION: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES OF ORGANISATION INC. WHO IT IS AIMED AT:

SILEBY SWIMMING POOL FUND

THE CATWALK COMES TO SILEBY

When The Sileby Swimming Pool Fund Committee decided to hold a fashion show, I must admit I felt quite excited at the prospect of the event. Firstly it looked as though it would be an excellent way of boosting our funds and I personally was looking forward to seeing the models 'doing their turn on the catwalk'.

On arrival at the Community Centre it looked as though the show would be slightly different and there was no sign of a catwalk. The hall was divided into quarters with a walkway down the middle and across the room.

When the show started the compere announced the model and told us a little about the garment, the make, retail price, sizes available etc. The model then walked amongst the audience and if you wished to buy the garment you simply raised your hand and it would be brought to you. You paid for that item or handed over your cheque card and paid for all the goods with one cheque at the end.

The clothes were fashionable and varied, some styles were from abroad, thus offering an opportunity to buy good quality clothes at unbeatable prices. If you decided after trying on a garment that it wasn't for you the money was refunded with no fuss. The whole evening was a great success and I am sure everyone had a lot of fun.

If you have read my account of the evening and wished you'd been there don't worry, we've arranged another Fashion Evening on Thursday 25th March 7.30pm at Sileby Community Centre. Tickets are priced at £1.50 and are available at Wartburg Insurance (Swan St) and Powderlys Chemist (High St).

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Dear Boys and Girls of Sileby,

I would like to say a huge thank-you to you all for welcoming me to your village during the week before Christmas. It was lovely to meet everyone and hear about what you wanted for Christmas. Rudolf and I were exhausted on Christmas Day after delivering all your parcels because we had so many children to visit all over the place.

Rudolf wants me to give you a special thank-you for all the goodies you left for us on Christmas Eve. As you can imagine he was a much fatter reindeer when we got home.

Thank-you once again boys and girls and I look forward to visiting you all again next year.

Goodbye

Father Christmas xxxxxx

Anyone who wants to know more about the Sileby Swimming Pool project or who wants to join the Swimming Pool Fund Club can contact any of the following committee members for further information:

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ANOTHER MEMORABLE DAY

The Sileby Parade and Gala Committee usually ask a fairly well known person to open the Gala but in July 1991 for some reason they asked Elsie and myself in our role as 'Florrie and Ada' to do the honours.

The day turned out to be beautiful, as most of that summer was. We met in Highgate Road and were to ride around the village in a vintage car. This was rather late arriving, so before we started we had time to walk around and talk to everyone on the floats. Eventually we climbed into the car with Bob Scarborough. Bob was the President of the Gala Committee and had seen many, many parades in his lifetime.

We followed the band that led the parade and all the way around the village people shouted to us and in our Florrie and Ada idiom we answered them. When we arrived in King Street, the car broke down. Dozens of men (well it seemed like dozens) rushed to push the car.

Once onto the Memorial Park we were asked to officially open the Gala. We were able to stay around and talk to so many people. Mr Scarborough said afterwards "It was brilliant" and I said "Yes, that was a smashing afternoon".

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SILEBY COMMUNITY PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE:

Sileby Community Project has been set up to offer a range of opportunities for all of Sileby to improve their quality of life and health. A survey is being carried out to try to find out how people feel about their health at present and it is expected that a further survey will be completed towards the end of the project to see what effect the project has had.

The survey is being carried out by questionnaire which is included below. We hope that someone in every household will complete the questions. If more than one person in the house wishes to complete the questionnaire further copies will be available from the Chemists or Surgeries.

The idea behind the project is to try to find out what people, individuals or small groups are concerned about and to try to make it possible for them to help themselves improve the situation. The project worker, Caroline Harding, is based at the Banks Surgery at present but hopes shortly to move into the Community Centre House on High Street. She would be very interested in hearing about your concerns or suggestions if you would like to call in or phone 816403.

BEFORE YOU START TO FILL IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE, PLEASE WRITE YOUR POSTCODE HERE:

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Thank you for taking the time to answer the questions in this questionnaire. Your answers will be of great value to those who plan services in the area.

When you have filled in the questionnaire you can return it by putting it in one of the boxes provided in both surgeries in Sileby or in the chemists. Your answers will be completely anonymous. If you have any queries about the questionnaire please do not hesitate to contact Caroline Harding who is based at the Banks Surgery in Sileby. Thank you for your help.

Firstly, here are some questions concerning YOUR VIEWS ABOUT HEALTH AND ILLNESS.

Give your response by circling one of the numbers after each statement.

	Strongly disagree			Strongly agree		
1. I am directly responsible for my health.	1	2	3	4	5	6
2. Whatever goes wrong with my health is my own fault.	1	2	3	4	5	6
3. My physical well-being depends on how well I take care of myself.	1	2	3	4	5	6
4. When I feel ill, I know it is because I have not been taking care of myself properly.	1	2	3	4	5	6
5. If you don't have your health, you don't have anything.	1	2	3	4	5	6
6. Good health is only of minor importance in a happy life.	1	2	3	4	5	6
7. There are many things I care about more than my health.	1	2	3	4	5	6
8. There is nothing more important than good health.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Here are some more questions on your VIEWS ABOUT WAYS OF KEEPING HEALTHY.

1. Here is a list of things which some people think helps their health.
How much do you think each one helps people to stay healthy?

	Doesn't help at all			Helps a great deal		
a. Eating a balanced diet	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Taking regular of exercise	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Not smoking	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Avoiding alcohol	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. Being at the ideal weight for my height	1	2	3	4	5	6

Now here are some questions about SOME THINGS YOU MAY DO.

Firstly, here are some questions about WHAT YOU EAT.

1. About how often do you eat the following foods? Tick ONE response for each food item.

	4 to 7 days per week	1 to 3 days per week	Less than 4 days a month	Never
Fresh fruit or vegetables	—	—	—	—
Fresh or frozen fish or poultry (e.g. chicken)	—	—	—	—
Processed meat (e.g. pies, beefburgers, sauages, etc.)	—	—	—	—
Other fresh or frozen red meat (e.g. beef, lamb)	—	—	—	—
Bread, Pitta	—	—	—	—
Pasta, Rice, Breakfast cereals	—	—	—	—
Beans, Lentils or other pulses	—	—	—	—
Potatoes	—	—	—	—
Dairy products	—	—	—	—
Eggs	—	—	—	—

2. Which kind of bread do you eat MOST of the time? Tick one only.

- Wholemeal bread, Pitta (Inc. stoneground, granary)
 Other brown bread (Inc. wheatmeal, wheatgerm, Hovis, Vitbe)
 White bread, Pitta
 None

3. Which of the following do you USUALLY spread on your bread? Tick one only.

- Butter
- Hard margarine (e.g. Stork, Echo, Krona)
- Polyunsaturated margarine (e.g. Flora, Sunflower)
- Other soft margarine
- Low fat spreads (e.g. Gold, Outline)
- None

4. What type of milk do you USUALLY use in the home? Tick one only.

- Ordinary whole milk
- Semi-skimmed milk
- Skimmed milk
- Other type of milk
- Do not use milk

Here are some more questions about WHAT YOU DO.

1. How often do you take physical activity on average?

(That is, activities such as aerobics, badminton, jogging, swimming, brisk walks, etc).

Circle one of the following.

- a. Never
- b. Hardly ever
- c. Once per month
- d. 2 times per month
- e. 3 times per month
- f. Once per week
- g. 2 times per week
- h. 3 times per week
- i. 4 times per week
- j. 5 times per week
- k. 6 times per week
- l. Every day

2. Do you smoke? YES NO

3. If you smoke cigarettes, how many do you smoke a day on average? ___ cigarettes a day

4. If you smoke cigars, how many do you smoke a day on average? ___ cigars a day

5. If you smoke roll-ups or a pipe,
how much tobacco do you use a week on average? ___ ozs. a week

or ___ grms. a week

6. On average, how much of the following
do you drink per week? ___ pints of beer or lager per week

___ glasses of wine or sherry per week

___ measures of spirits per week

7. Do you ever feel under a lot of stress? (circle one)

Hardly ever Occasionally Sometimes Often

Here are some questions ABOUT YOU.

Please tick or write in the spaces as indicated.

1. What is your age? _____ years old.
2. What is your sex? Male Female
3. What is your weight? _____ stones _____ pounds (or _____ kilos)
4. What is your height? _____ feet _____ inches (or _____ metres _____ cms)
5. What is your main job or occupation (or your last one if you do not have a job at the moment)?
6. What is your current employment situation? (Tick one of the following)

<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time job (30+ hours per week)	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired
<input type="checkbox"/> Part-time job (less than 30 hours per week)	<input type="checkbox"/> Housewife
<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/> In full-time education
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
7. Do you ever work at home? YES NO
8. IF YES: In a typical working week, how much of your time is spent working at home?
_____ hours per week (on average)

Finally, if there is anything you would like to add about health-related issues or any other issues which you feel are important to you at the moment, could you please write them down in the space below.

Thank you for your help.

Could you please remember to return your questionnaire to one of the boxes provided in the Sibley surgeries or the chemists.

COSSINGTON CHURCH (by Robin Butler)

Cossington church was, in the 1850's, covered in ivy. In the picture you can see the tower and the south wall of the nave covered in ivy. The small trees have now grown to over 30 feet tall.



The Rev. FC Mayor, who was Rector for 31 years and who planted most of the trees, wrote the poem "COSSINGTON CHURCH" in 1865 before the church's restoration.

*Where runs the Wreak, and bears along
Its tribute to the Soar
Our village Church was planted down
By pious men of yore.*

*With ived tower and pointed arch
And stately pillar'd aisle,
How beautiful among the meads
All-Hallows' grey old pile!*

*From age to age with reverent hearts
Our fathers gathered there,
At morning and at eventide
They offer'd praise and prayer.*

*And when their spirits passed away,
And found in death new birth,
Around its moss-grown wall their dust
Was laid in hallow'd earth.*

*To us they laid the sacred trust,
That we as they had done,
Might use, maintain and pass the gift
From father down to son.*

*Shall we, unworthy of our charge,
Not guard the ancient fane?
Our village church now in decay
Shall we not well sustain?*

*Shall we not to the altar bring
True offering as of yore,
And with glad hearts and willing hands
Renew its youth once more?*

*Come old and young, come rich and poor,
The widow with her mite,
With larger and with lesser gifts,
Let one and all unite.*

*Then shall our ivy cover'd church
Of Cossington with pride,
Rejoice in beauty and in strength,
And ever more abide.*

DR KEITH DUNBAR

Having been unable to work since last January, it is with great regret and sadness that I have to announce my decision to retire from practice with effect from 1st March 1993.

I should like to thank most sincerely all those well-wishers who have sent get-well cards and presents - they have been much appreciated and it has been a source of great comfort to me to realise how much I have been missed.

I have always valued the kindness and consideration of Sibley folk and have been proud to have been the initiator of the process of improving the medical facilities of the village. I am happy in the knowledge that this process and the tradition of providing a friendly, caring service to the village, will be continued by my successors.

Keith Dunbar

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MY MOAN (formerly THE VILLAGE GRIPE)

I know it's important to make as many people as possible aware of forthcoming events and that a lot of time goes into preparing posters and putting them up but why oh why are they not taken down after the event has taken place?

There is in King Street a telegraph pole displaying posters for events in September and November, presumably 1992. Why didn't the person who put up the November poster take down the September one?

I also notice that there are trees around that almost have a suit of armour from drawing pins. Is this really necessary?

I would therefore ask everyone arranging an event and hoping to advertise it by putting posters around the village, to organise someone to go around and remove them afterwards and dispose of them properly.

(Name and address supplied)

The issue of the traffic problems in Sileby is one which has been discussed in several issues of The Stockade.

I would like to bring to your attention the problems with Mountsorrel Lane which have been aired but not yet resolved.

The parking of cars along Mountsorrel Lane restricts a clear view of the road, especially near the church, for traffic flowing in both directions. The solution to this could initially lie in making it "No Parking" along the road. I appreciate that this will be inconvenient for residents who need to park close to their homes. I realise this has been suggested before, but is it not possible for the ground opposite the houses (which is already used for parking) to be resurfaced and made for "Resident Parking Only"?

Secondly, Essex Bridge is still a problem and only a few weeks ago another accident occurred. Visibility is poor from both directions especially approaching Sileby. As the view from Sileby is slightly better, it would seem sensible to introduce a priority sign, giving priority to traffic approaching Sileby from Mountsorrel. This would also avoid traffic building up from the new by-pass.

I would hope that this would reduce the number of unnecessary accidents which regularly occur on this bridge.

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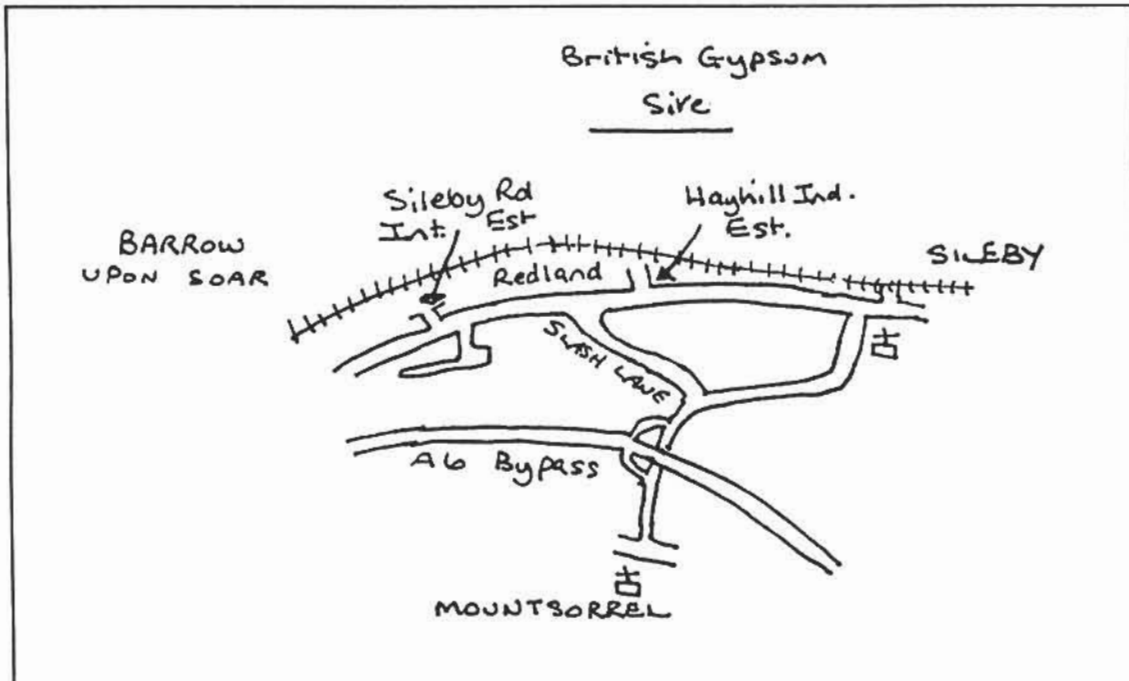
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Formed in March 1991 by the Parish Councils of Barrow-upon-Soar, Cossington, Mountsorrel and Sileby, this joint committee has been active in attempting to negotiate an all weather access, via an upgraded Slash Lane to the new A6 bypass. If this could be achieved we believe that it would eliminate many of the problems caused by the frequent flooding experienced in our part of the Soar Valley.



Why choose Slash Lane ?

One of the major reasons for the choice of Slash Lane is due to the continual problems associated with heavy goods vehicles using roads in our communities which were never designed for that purpose. An upgraded Slash Lane would allow such vehicles to access local industrial estates without entering the villages. Other heavy goods vehicles should be routed via major roads to other destinations thereby avoiding village centres.

Your Parish Council believes that should such an access be provided, our case for weight restrictions for all of the affected villages would be much stronger.

In addition to the problems of Slash Lane, we have also considered the dangers of the narrowness of the Essex Bridge along with the bridge next to the Waterside Inn, Mountsorrel and the levels of flooding on Sileby Lane, Mountsorrel. Essex Bridge is now in the programme of works for improvement, although a low priority.

Despite recent proposals by Leicestershire County Council to implement future weight restrictions for the villages, due on the completion of the Leicester Western Distributor Road, they have failed to support our request for improvement work that would prevent Slash Lane from flooding every time we have heavy rain. They claim that "it would not be economically viable". How successful can weight restrictions be if, as proposed under weight restrictions, the only available road to Barrow's industrial estates is impassable due to floodwater?

Although sympathetic, our Member of Parliament, Stephen Dorrell, feels unwilling to support improvements "as this would not be a sensible use of resources".

The National Rivers Authority (NRA) seem to believe that relieving the flood situation in Slash Lane would cause greater flooding elsewhere. However, as they supported the construction of the A6 bypass across the flood plain, should Slash Lane be such a major problem for them to solve? Incidentally, members of the committee have witnessed increased flooding levels and frequency since the construction of the

bypass. Following complaints to NRA we are informed that they do not agree with our observations!

Only Charnwood Borough Council believes that this work is necessary and supports the Groups views that it must be carried out to retain an adequate road network.

How do you feel? How can you help?

We know that in order to achieve our objective your support is vital. A questionnaire is being circulated to all local companies, to establish the difficulties experienced by staff and visitors due to flooding during a three month period. We would also like to know of any experiences or inconveniences that YOU have encountered as a result of the flooding in Slash Lane. We need to provide information to prove our case and show that we are not prepared to accept defeat. With local residents' support we have no doubt that the problem **can** be solved. Please send your comments as soon as possible to any of the following Parish Councillors who represent your village on the SLIP Group committee :-

Councillor Tom Machin, 218a Homefield Road (tel. 814215).

Councillor Wilf Preston, 35 Little Church Lane (tel. 812527).

Councillor Gordon Ward, 90 Cossington Road (tel. 812548).

Since receiving this article developments have occurred which you may have read about in the press. Charnwood Borough Council, who are responsible for developing local plans have suggested that the upgrading of Slash Lane could take place if further industrial units were built opposite the Hayhill Industrial Estate along Barrow Road. It would appear that such an upgrading would be part of a package agreed with Redland Aggregates.

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The main work of the branches is to encourage the reading of the Bible as we consider it to be God's word and very relevant to the world of today. This is a non-denominational movement and as such no minister of religion can be a member, but we consider ourselves to be an arm of the church universal and to be aiding its work by encouraging the use of the Bible. The Bibles distributed are always standard ones in the local language. In Britain we now usually place copies of the New International Version as it is generally preferred to the Authorised that used to be used and is one of the best up to date translations. The only difference from those in the bookshops is a small section at the front giving advice on where to find relevant verses to suit special occasions and needs in life.

Copies are placed in hotel bedrooms. Almost every hotel in Leicestershire has accepted them from the two Leicestershire branches. We try to offer every school child their own pocket Testament on entering secondary school. Also police cadets, army cadets and student nurses are offered their own distinctive pocket Testaments. Every British and American soldier in the Gulf War was offered one and they were favourite reading while awaiting battle. Bedside lockers in hospitals are given a special lightweight New Testament with Psalms. The new Loughborough Hospital was visited earlier in the autumn and in addition, a few copies in extra large print for those with poor sight were left in the wards. These are also placed in the lounges of old peoples' homes. About ten thousand copies of the Bible or New Testament are being distributed in Leicestershire each year.

All these scriptures are paid for by the Gideon members themselves with help from local churches and any of their members who share an interest in this work. No appeals are made to the general public for funds and no fund raising events are held.

Worldwide, one million copies are distributed every ten days and many of these have an impact on the lives of the readers as is clear from the numerous letters that come back to the various national headquarters. The British headquarters at Lutterworth gets numerous letters every day and it is hearing of the lives being changed for the good that makes the work of an individual Gideon so worth while.

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Were you renamed forever more
As His blood splashed on your chest?

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To our Saviour on his cross so high?
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Knowing His earthly work was done;
Were you a symbol of the blood He shed
To cleanse the sins of everyone?

S. ALLEN

CHURCH NOTES

"What filthy weather" is one of the comments to be heard around the place during the last weeks. To be a parent of a child that plays football must be a real joy at the moment! Now is the time to find out what washes whiter?

Behind us is a field in which we walk the dog and welly boots are the order of the day. Filthy weather produces filthy clothes, filthy dogs and lots of washing.

Perhaps that's how you feel inside. At the very depth of your being you feel dirty. When there is quiet, long enough to look at yourself, you see the failures, the weaknesses, the mess we make of our lives. We feel dirty and we try to push it away - and maybe even succeed. But maybe guilt, shame, disgust, and general misery is a very real part of our lives. "If only I could start again."

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RECIPES (by KAY MACHIN)

Raspberry Flummery

INGREDIENTS

1 raspberry jelly dissolved in $\frac{1}{2}$ pint hot water and allowed to cool.
1 egg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pint milk
1oz sugar

METHOD

Break the egg in a basin, beat well and add the milk.
Strain the mixture into a saucepan and cook under a low heat until thickened. DO NOT BOIL.
Add the sugar and allow to cool.
When both the jelly and mixture are cool mix together, stirring vigorously.
Pour into wet moulds and allow to set.
When set, turn out of moulds and decorate with cherries & angelica.

Cheesy Meat Balls

INGREDIENTS

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb mince
1 egg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb cheese
1 onion
breadcrumbs
1 tin of oxtail soup
salt and pepper to season

METHOD

Mix together the onion, seasoning and mince. Divide into four. Cut the cheese into four and seal inside each mince portion. Coat with beaten egg and breadcrumbs.
Quickly fry in a pan to just to seal then place in a casserole dish with the soup. Cook in the oven at Mark 3 (170°C) for 45 minutes to 1 hour, by which time the cheese should have melted into the meat.

Cheese Dreams (Supper Dish)

METHOD

Butter 2 slices of bread and fill with grated cheese and a little H.P sauce. Sandwich together and fry in hot fat on both sides. Cut into neat portions and serve.

Pigs in a Blanket

METHOD

Using equal portions of sausages and bacon, roll a rasher of bacon around each sausage and skewer with a cocktail stick. Lay them on a baking tray and cook at Mark 3 (170°C).
This can be served for supper with baked beans or as a main meal with potatoes and vegetables.

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POLICE NEWS

Although crime as a whole in Sileby in 1992 didn't increase a great deal compared with 1991, we still need assistance from members of the public to reduce incidents of crime and detect offences.

I have compiled below a breakdown of the different categories of offences and comparisons between 1991 and 1992 to give you some idea of the problem areas:-

	1991	1992
ASSAULTS	13	28
SEXUAL OFFENCES	1	2
BURGLARY - DWELLINGS	38	34
BURGLARY, OTHER THAN DWELLINGS	62	59
ROBBERY	2	3
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	67	65
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES	78	66
THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLES	13	22
THEFT - OTHER	71	96
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	63	70
OTHER OFFENCES	16	24
TOTAL	424	469
DETECTION RATE	33.5%	29.6%

The above figures include the villages of Sileby, Seagrave and Cossington.

As you can see, burglary offences are about on a par with 1991 but with over 90, which includes houses, shops and factories, precautions need to be taken by everyone to prevent themselves being one of these.

There are numerous items on the market including alarms, security lighting, window locks and door locks. There are several things you can do to deter the burglar when you are not at home such as use timer switches for your lights.

Motor vehicle crime is also similar to that of 1991 with over 100 offences. Again, several measures can be taken to avoid this happening. Many cars are taken or broken into via unlocked doors or even using keys that have been left in the ignition! Extra security items can be purchased such as alarms, steering wheel locks and handbrake locks etc. For an item usually worth thousands of pounds it must be worth spending a little extra to prevent it from being stolen.

Twenty-two pedal cycles were stolen during 1992 and in most cases they have not been recovered. Try and secure your pedal cycle and take care to leave it in a place that is inaccessible to thieves. Also consider having it post coded, it costs nothing - just take your cycle to Loughborough Police Station.

It is unfortunate that we have to take these extra measures to prevent your property being taken, but we all need to be aware of crime and do what we can to prevent it.

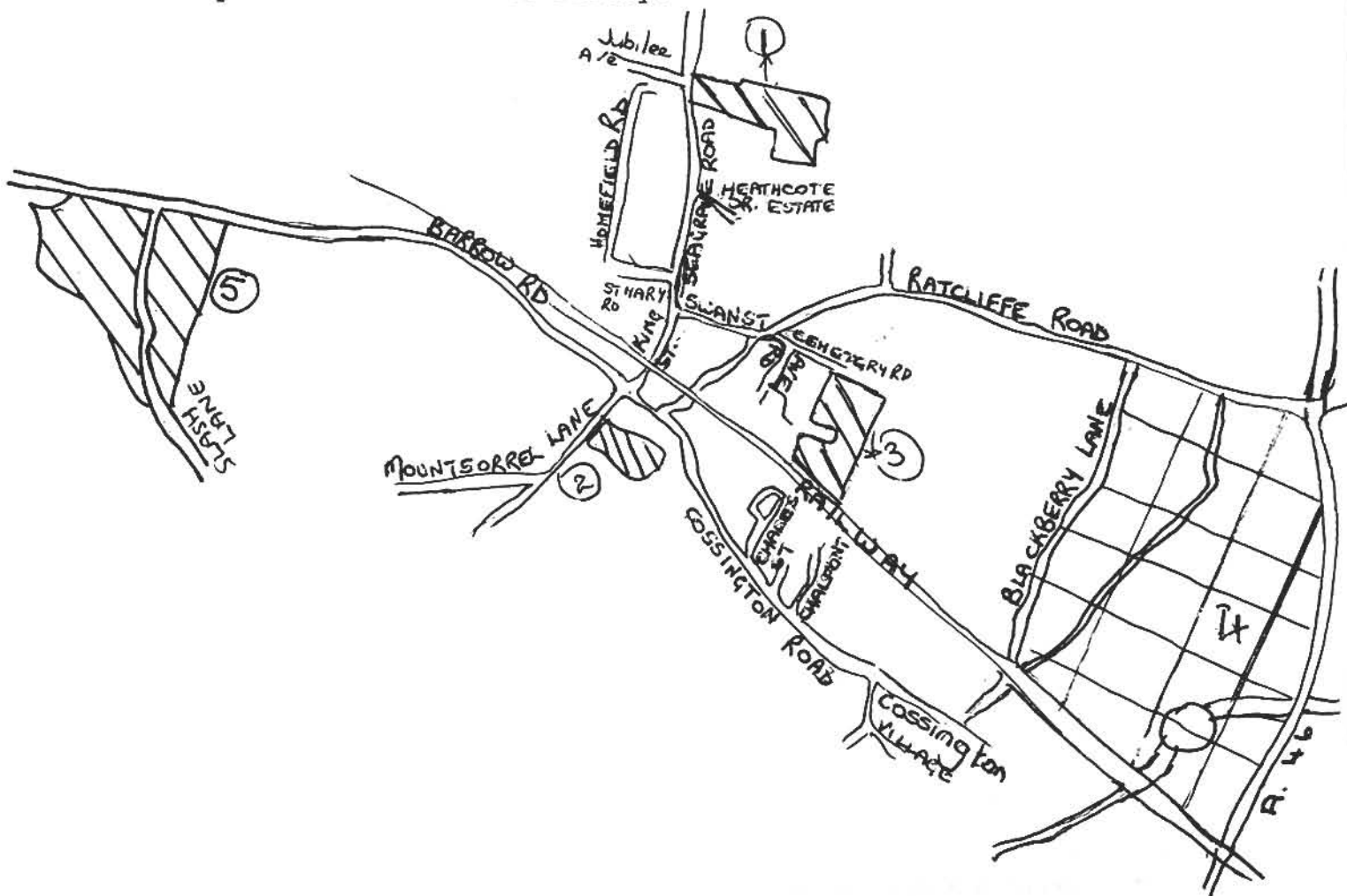
Any information that can assist finding the persons responsible for such crimes will be greatly appreciated and perhaps together we can reduce the incidents of crime.

PC STEVE RHODES

QUORN POLICE STATION

HOW DOES THE BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD'S LOCAL PLAN AFFECT SILEBY?

In recent weeks Charnwood Borough have revealed a number of potential development sites in their latest local plan. These sites have been selected for further consideration and only after full public consultation will the final sites be chosen. The following map shows the suggested areas of development in and around Sileby.



REF	SITE	PROPOSAL
1	Land south and east of Seagrave Road (9.3ha)	Upto 150 dwellings Public open space Landscape planting Community facilities
2	Land west of High Street (5.2ha)	Upto 70 dwellings Car parking
3	Land between Railway, Kendal Road, Cemetery Road (11.2ha)	Upto 150 dwellings Upto 2.5ha employment land Public open space Recreation land
4	Land south of Blackberry Lane (Cossington) (ca137ha)	New settlement of upto 1500 dwellings 10-15ha business park Local centre, School Community facilities Potential for railway station Park & ride, local road improvements
5	Land off Slash Lane (10.0ha)	Provision of upto 10ha of employment land Highway improvements to Slash Lane Landscape planting

With the exception of the proposed new village to the north of Cossington and the Slash Lane development nothing new has been proposed. In fact areas 2 and 3 have been referred to the previous public enquiry and the other area, 1, off Seagrave Road was withdrawn prior to the enquiry.

The whole of the new village lies in the parish of Cossington and one question which springs to mind is how will the traffic from this village get to Loughborough? There are two possible answers 1) a new road will be built passing between Sileby and Cossington and 2) the road from the A46 to Rothley will be upgraded. Of these two alternatives the first one seems to me to be the most likely, bearing in mind that there is no access onto the by-pass at Rothley towards Loughborough.

If this were to be the case will it this time provide Sileby with a PROPER BY-PASS that some in the village say is necessary?

The village has been given plenty of notice of the proposed development and now is the time to let the opinions of Sileby folk be known. So come on Sileby! lets take this opportunity to help the planners get it right.

T.M.

Cossington residents packed the village hall for a public meeting called by the Village Society to hear views about the proposed new settlement on land south of Blackberry Lane. The result was the forming of an action committee called Cossington In Danger, to oppose this plan. Can you imagine a settlement one and a half times the size of East Goscote being inflicted on the site of the Humbles stretching from Syston Road to Ratcliffe Road? Letters of objection are being sent by the residents to Charnwood Borough Council.

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MORE MEMORIES OF OLD SILEBY

The Post Office was at the top of High Street (now Pet Supplies) and was kept by Mr and Mrs Whiles who had one son. Mrs Goss had a sweet shop next to the Wesleyan Chapel while Mr Goss was serving abroad in the army. On his return he gave music lessons on the organ. My parents bought an organ with the idea that their five children learned to play in turn. However only my eldest sister learnt and I remember my father placing a sheet of music in front of her with a promise of a shilling when she could play it which she did immediately. Does any musician know this piece I wonder? It was called "Song of Jubilee" and was, I believe written in honour of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

About this time Mr Whiles retired and Mr Goss became the Postmaster and gave up his music teaching. The Post Office was in a room at the back of the sweet shop. The premises at the top of High Street were taken over by Mr and Mrs Silas Smith who sold dairy products, he also had a milk round. They had two sons both of whom joined the regular navy.

On their retirement Mr Frank Nelson had the shop as a bespoke tailor and I believe on his retirement it became Pet Supplies. I understand from a resident of Little Church Lane that her house, the corner shop and the Midland Bank were originally all one building, for what purpose I do not know. (Perhaps someone could enlighten us? - The Editor).

I beg to correct Mr Meadows; Mr Goss was the church organist and there is a memorial plaque in the church to his memory.

Also in the church is a memorial to Mr Huskisson, sadly the first person to be killed by a train driven by his friend George Stevenson. Apparently Mr Huskisson was unaware that the train had no brakes.

I was pleased at the memory of my sister the late Elsie Chamberlain who died in 1965 (her husband died quite recently).

I was also pleased that the Rev. Burrows was remembered. He caused a sensation in the village when he married my husband's Aunt Lucy Derry. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mathias, Rector of Cossington. Indeed it made the front page of The Mercury!

After the variety concerts at the 'Hut' we had for a time Holloway's Travelling Theatre and the present Mr Holloway (grandson) asked recently via the Mercury whether anyone with any memories would drop him a line. This I did and received by return an appreciative letter together with a photocopy of a poster and legal document from which I learnt that the ground was rented from Edgar Ward for 10s per week (50p to those who don't remember proper money!).

Does any reader remember Mrs Pickards Hat shop which was in King Street? She had so many hats both in the shop and in the back room that I didn't realise for sometime that she actually had a piano beneath them all. It was said that this eccentric old lady chose a hat at random complete with price ticket for her evening stroll, though I cannot vouch for the truth of this.

Once a week as children we attended the Independent Order of Good Templars held in the Wesleyan School room. We wore regalia and took our vows not to drink, smoke or gamble very seriously, each week having to remember the password given the previous week before we were admitted; some higher ranking children guarding the door. There was also an adult meeting but I never attended these.

Ethel Derry.

Editors note: Jack Meadows has told us that Fig Smith reminded him that Fred Goss was in fact the Church Organist and not a Church Warden as stated in his article.

POP TEASER

ALL THE ANSWERS WILL BE NUMBERS. THE AIM IS TO FIND A RECORD TITLE.

1. How many "miles" did Otis Redding roam to make the dock his home?
2. How many "eyes" did Bobby Vee's night have?
3. How many "miles" from his home was Edwin Starr?

Add together the answers from 1, 2 & 3 and put total in Box 'A':

4. In Manfred Mann's 5-4-3-2-1, how many rode forward?
5. How many "Vestil Virgins" were heading for the coast in Procol Harem's "Whiter Shade of Pale"?
6. How many "yellow ribbons" did Dawn finally see around the old oak tree?
7. In Spencer Davis' "Keep on Running", how old was he when he was "just a little boy"?
8. In Leo Sayer's "Moonlighting", when they were 10 miles from Gretna, how far had they travelled?
9. At what age did Mott the Hoople "kick it in the head" in "All the young dudes"?

Add together the answers from 4 - 9 and put total in Box 'B':

Deduct total in Box 'B' from Box 'A'. The final total will reveal a year.

10. What was the last No. 1 record of this year?

Shaun Butler & John Skorik

COSSINGTON AND SILEBY WORDS AND PHRASES USED IN THE 1930's

Me dook	My dear	Sile	Strain
Mardy	Spoilt	Cluss	Field
Frit	Frightened	Tantling	Punishment
Call	Blame, abuse	To be choice about anything	To look upon it as very precious
Stag	Stalk		Smart and well groomed
Maungering	Grumbling	Upto Dick and down to Richard	Local expression
Thrapsing	Thrashing		Abuse, reviling
Tongue banging	Quarrelling noisily	My word and Peggy Martin	
Chilpin	Talking a great deal	Call him everything from a pig to a dog.	
Pad	Path		
Splodging	Courting		
Slang	Long, narrow field		
Cockadawing	Unsafe, wobbly		
Shag or cotted	Tangled hair		
Mee-mawing	Mimicking		
Joram	Large bowlful or helping		
Nesh	Delicate, feeling the cold		
Chuff	Pleased with		
Head-seragg	Head or chief person		
Rorming	Pushing, over-reaching		
Stret	Tight, narrow		
Noggin	Chunk of bread, etc		

The information is from a Short History of Cossington by Cossington WI in 1935 lent by Mr J. Whittington.

Robin Butler

ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE?

If you've travelled into Leicester recently you may have noticed some new signs on the major approach roads to the City. Gone are the nuclear free zone signs and in their place we have - at considerable cost - signs to inform us how environmentally friendly the City of Leicester is.

This new environmental awareness has also spread to the County Council and Charnwood Borough Council. A lot of time, money, effort and not to mention reams of paper (recycled of course) have been used by the authorities to show how much the custodians of Leicestershire care about our space.

But is this information worth the paper it's written on? Do the Council's actions speak louder than words? We have Charnwood Borough Council's Green Paper, and now the County Council have produced a glossy 40 page recycling directory (copies available free from William Pusley on Leicester 657339).

I don't want to be sceptical about these ideas, but could it be that necessity dictates these efforts rather than a genuine desire for a better environment? Leicestershire supposedly has one of the worst records for recycling and vast improvements are necessary to comply with EEC directives due to come into force in the future.

I would be more convinced if more concrete tangible efforts were put into force - Encouraging the use of public transport, building safe cycle routes into the city and towns, taking a more responsible attitude towards mineral extraction and evaluating more carefully the need of extra housing, and roads versus the environment. It would be so much more beneficial to see the Councils reflecting more closely the wishes and needs of the people and land they care for rather than be dominated by Governmental bodies and powerful businessmen.

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The scheme is very flexible: it can take into account commuter preferences, such as all female or no-smoking cars. It can even match you according to your favourite radio station.

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There are 36 British place names to be found in the list below, compiled by Mr Tom Machin. Can you identify them?

1. Lies by. (anagram)
2. Ban his majesty.
3. Way over the stream after making a new start.
4. Run before ruby is modified.
5. Essential to man a ship we hear.
6. A. note leads 50 to the question.
7. One of the three essentials in education.
8. Burned legs wilt. (anagram 9,5)
9. Is the race really held in a tree?
10. Sounds like something on the hedgerows.
11. Wood size before the river opening.
12. A rifle without a victory.
13. Sounds as if it's in the wrong half of the country.
14. Eye, foot, bird or swimming.
15. Sounds as if it's in the front.
16. A bowler across the Atlantic.
17. Use the bus yearly to get to this place.
18. Chunky chocolate without end, that is.
19. An affectionate term before a heavy weight.
20. Fine follows the company to the way in.
21. One hears it was ironed in to place.
22. Did many Naval burials take place here.
23. Storehouse and fastener.
24. Fresh harbour for shipping.
25. A common place for Uncle Bulgaria.
26. Go here young man riding an excellent horse. (6,5,4)
27. Learn another way over the sea.
28. This is not an old fortification.
29. Changes train accompanied by a thousand.
30. Audibility as free as an element.
31. The french boot reversed.
32. hepatic ball game.
33. Route text. (anagram)
34. Claim to belong here after a drink or two.
35. Five hundred on the players followed by the queen.
36. Sounds like you may be able to swim here.

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ PROVIDED BY MARJORIE TURNER IN THE CHRISTMAS EDITION OF THE STOCKADE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. CHALFONT DRIVE | 16. POCHIN WAY |
| 2. CHARLES STREET | 17. MILNER CLOSE |
| 3. SEAGRAVE ROAD | 18. HEATHCOTE DRIVE |
| 4. MARSHALL AVENUE | 19. RATCLIFFE ROAD |
| 5. MOUNTSORREL LANE | 20. FOREST DRIVE |
| 6. PRYOR ROAD | 21. ALBION ROAD |
| 7. HUDSON ROAD | 22. PARSONS DRIVE |
| 8. CEMETERY ROAD | 23. NEWBOLD CLOSE |
| 9. GIBSON ROAD | 24. THE BANKS |
| 10. MANOR DRIVE | 25. SWAN STREET |
| 11. BACK LANE | 26. LANES CLOSE |
| 12. AVENUE ROAD | 27. KENDAL ROAD |
| 13. GREEDON RISE | 28. KING STREET |
| 14. COLLINGWOOD DRIVE | 29. KILBOURNE CLOSE |
| 15. SAINT GREGORY'S DRIVE | 30. MORTON DALE |

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3	FOUNTAIN "A"	DUKE OF YORK	FOUNTAIN "R"

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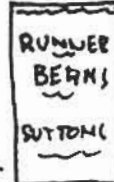
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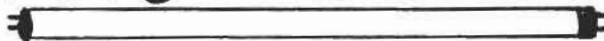


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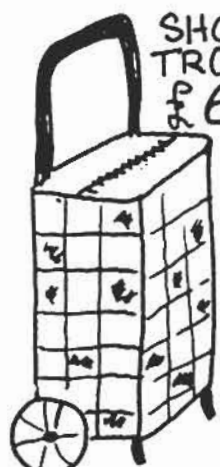
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