

# THE STOCKADE



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The cover for this 9th edition of the STOCKADE has been kindly drawn for us by Mary Austen. It shows a view of the rear entrance of Sileby Hall which perhaps many of you are unfamiliar with. Until recently the hall was used as a residential home but now stands empty. We are yet to find out what will happen to Sileby Hall, which is owned by Leicestershire County Council.

Mary has larger prints available of her original sketch which shows the complete view of the back of the home. The price of these prints will be £5 unframed and £10 for a framed print. Please phone Mary on Sileby 814972 to place an order or for more information.

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Please remember this is your own village magazine - Feel free to send us articles about things you like or don't like, ideas or information. We like to include adult and children's submissions - so come on PLEASE PUT PEN TO PAPER AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK. If you are able to supply a suitable sketch for a cover to a future magazine we'd love to hear from you.

You can leave any articles or artwork at Wrights Butchers, High Street or give it to one of the committee members. The closing date for the autumn edition of The Stockade is 31st July. You can also send articles to :-

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Contact : Liz Robinson 812871 or  
Janis Bishop 814754 for further details.

## EDITORIAL.

Welcome to issue 9 of The Stockade. We seem to be getting a good response from the 'Older Generation' to many of the articles. Whilst this is very welcome, how about the 'Younger Generation' contributing to the magazine? We would like the magazine to contain contributions from *all* sections of the community.

From time to time we print requests from groups for help, usually requesting new members or telling us of events they have organised. It would be very nice if these organisations would update us as to the success or failure of such requests.

It is sad to see the High Street slowly filling up with empty shops. First there was the closure of Barclays Bank followed recently by the Chemist and now the Pet shop has transferred to King Street - By the way you will be pleased that everyone from the chemist has found employment, even the Pharmacist has found a job!

Please note that as a result of the Chemist's closure the new dropping place for articles and responses for the Stockade will be Wright's the Butchers in High Street.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SILEBY DURING THE SUMMER?

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 leave a note at Wright's Butchers in the High Street. Information must reach us by 31st July, with the autumn edition being delivered at the beginning of September.

**JUNE 12TH, 13TH and 14TH** The Ladies Circle of SILEBY METHODIST CHURCH invite you to their annual FLOWER FESTIVAL, at the church on King Street. The theme this year is 'Where 'ere you walk'. All proceeds will go to the Church funds.

**SATURDAY 12TH JUNE** The Church will be open all day from 10am. There will be an indoor market of plants, cakes, gifts and bric a brac etc. Morning coffees, lunches and afternoon teas will be available.

**SUNDAY 13TH JUNE** Worship at 10.45am will be led by Mrs Sue Readshaw and the 6pm worship will be led by Mrs Pat Clivent. The organist for both services will be Mr Derek Whittington. The Church will be open for visitors and afternoon teas.

**MONDAY 14TH JUNE** The Church will be open at 10am and a Musical Evening has been arranged. This will commence at 7.30pm.

**TUESDAY 15TH JUNE** Beverly and John Burton, on behalf of the Parish Council, organise the annual SILEBY PARISH WALKS. All walks start at 7pm at Sileby Community Centre and range from two to five miles around the parish footpaths. Notices can be found around the village showing planned routes. Everyone is welcome, just turn up on the night wearing suitable footwear.

**SATURDAY 19TH JUNE** ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH OPEN DAY. The church will be open with various attractions. If the weather is fine, stalls will be held in the precincts - your support for this venture, which is to replace the Garden Fete, will be appreciated.

**THURSDAY 24TH JUNE** Public Meeting to discuss THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE. This has been organised by Sileby Parish Council and will commence at 7.30pm at The Community Centre. Should the village pay £90,000 to purchase the building or not? Your views are important, please come along.

**TUESDAY 13TH JULY** Another SILEBY PARISH WALK - 7pm, outside Sileby Community Centre.

**SATURDAY 31ST JULY** SILEBY PARADE AND GALA. A different venue has been arranged for this year's annual event. Instead of the Memorial Park it will be held on the grounds of Redlands School, King Street. The parade which travels around the centre of the village will include the usual bands, floats and many people in fancy dress. The stalls on the school grounds will be £10 for charity stalls and £40 for trade stalls. There will be a car boot sale which will be £5 per car if paid before the day or £7.50 on the day. There will be the usual activities at the ground such as the dog show and baby show plus lots of other events including games for children. For any information ring **Mr D. Skinner on Sileby 812781**.

**TUESDAY 17TH AUGUST** Another SILEBY PARISH WALK - 7pm, outside Sileby Community Centre.

**SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER** SILEBY EVERGREEN CLUB AUTUMN FAIR will be held at The Village Institute, Manor Drive between 10am and 12noon.

## FEEDBACK

In this section we've printed your COMMENTS which have been prompted by articles in the 8th edition of the Stockade

**PAGE 8:- MEMORABILIA**, There is already a serialised history of Sileby in the form of a series of booklets called "Bygone Sileby". These were written and published by the late Vicar of Sileby, Rev. Raymond J Hunting. These excellent booklets are available for reference at Sileby Library.

The White Swan pub is probably the newest of Sileby's pubs; the deeds of this property would reveal some information on this.

**PAGE 13:-** Have you noticed the incorrect spelling of the council's sign at Cossington? They render it "Polly Pegs Lane", and not as Jack Meadows correctly wrote "Polly Peggs".

**PAGE 33:-** In Ethel Derry's article she mentions Mr Whyte's Post Office at the top of the High Street. This was the site of Sileby's first Post Office set up by Mr William Burgess, who was also a school master in the Church School. He taught six poor boys in the church tower with an endowment of six guineas per annum.

William Burgess was born in Sileby in 1792, and had a son also named William who became a frame-work knitter. William Burgess senior was part of a long line of successful teachers in Sileby. Frances Partridge, who died in 1654, had many pupils who went on to a university after having been taught by him in the Parish School held in the north-west corner of St. Mary's Church (site of present Ladies Vestry). This area was used for teaching purposes until 1776. The first school in Sileby was set up in the Parish Church in 1636.

The Post Office was originally set up after the introduction of the "Penny Post" by Rowland Hill in 1840. In a directory of 1849 William Burgess was described as being Schoolmaster, Parish Clerk and Postmaster. Letters arrived from Loughborough at 9am and despatched to Loughborough at 4.50pm. In 1871 Mr Smart was listed as sub postmaster in High Street. He was also a shop keeper and watch maker. He was followed by Geo. Collington who was succeeded by Mr John Wylde in the Post Office on the original High Street site. He produced a series of post card views of Sileby and Cossington and although rare there are still many in private collections. He died and was buried on August 3rd 1916 aged 76 years.

Mrs Pickard was quite a character. She seemed to be always dressed in long black garments, her shop was always 'a dump' yet she was quite up to date in calling it "Bon Marche".

The I.O.G.T. meetings were referred to: the junior branch was known as the "Sileby's Future" Juvenile Temple, and the senior branch as the "Sileby United" Lodge.

### **PAGE 34:- SILEBY AND COSSINGTON DIALECT WORDS.**

The most interesting of Sileby dialect words was not included in the list from the Cossington History quoted. That word, the dialect word for LIAR, was pure Danish/Scandinavian, the translation of LIAR in Swedish at the present day is LIGGA. Those of us who were at school in the 1920-1939 period would readily recognise it's use in the playground and elsewhere if not in the "classroom". Here is a word introduced into the Sileby vocabulary by the Danish founders of our village before the English language was formed from a conglomeration of Anglo-Saxon, Norman, French, Latin and a sprinkling of other tongues. This word however survived over a thousand years into the mid 20th century.

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## PHYSIC HILL, HIGHFIELD ROAD, SILEBY

There won't be many newcomers to the village who have any idea where this is, but it will bring back memories to the natives!

This was a road beyond Albion Road. I well remember the brickyards with the warm kilns owned by the Wright family. My father, on holiday once in Skegness recognised their bricks piled up for building and said one could always own Sileby bricks because our clay was of prime quality.

After the brickyard on the right hand side there was a row of cottages (four I think) looking down the hill towards Sileby next a single house then allotments. Some of the ground is still being worked.

On the left side there was the clay pit then an orchard, more allotments and two houses (once owned by my grandpa of the General Sir John Moore). The road to the houses was Highfield Road and the area was known as Physic Hill.

The houses only had well water for drinking - I remember newts coming up in the bucket. The houses were demolished after being sold to the Brick Company who bought the brickyard.

My grandpa, father and husband all gardened 'up Physic'. I have fond memories of happy hours spent there and of the good quality vegetables, apples, damsons and large juicy plums. The air was sweet as wine. Perhaps this was the reason it was so named - Physic Hill - does anyone know? It is the name quoted on documents relating to the sale.

If this ground is developed will the names be used - Physic Hill and Highfield Road? I would like to think so.

MARY ECKER (nee Blockley)

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## FURTHER RECOLLECTIONS OF PHYSIC HILL

Having lived for over seventy years in Sileby I am still very interested in all that happens there and I think that the Stockade committee is doing a marvellous job in producing a very interesting magazine. Two articles in the Spring Edition have prompted me to write the following:-

Reading the article written by Joan Lovett of Rothley, I well remember the Albion brick works as I had to pass them every time I went into the village. I was born at Highfield Cottages, mostly referred to as up Albion Road. Going home meant going by the kilns which I watched with great interest as they were filled with clay bricks for baking (if that is the correct word). The fires all round the kilns were kept going for about three weeks. On a cold day it was lovely to stand there for a few minutes and get warm. After that time the fires burnt out and the kilns left to cool off before the bricks could be taken out. Further along were sheds where the bricks were made and it was very interesting to watch the men at work making them. This looked like very hard work.

Proceeding "up the hill" were three cottages and they had one washhouse and one tap between them. Going on still further was another house and the occupants of this house had to go to the tap at the three cottages for their drinking water. Then you went through the orchards to our house. Up Albion Road was often referred to as "up Physic Hill", where this name came from I have no idea, although a solicitor did tell my late brother-in-law that this name was actually on some deeds which he was holding for his client.

Although our drinking water had to be drawn from a very deep well, soft water was obtained by a pump in one of our outhouses. We had paraffin lamps and paraffin cookers with the only sanitation being a drain. In the summer time it was a lovely place to live, plenty of fresh air and lots of space. The apple blossom smelt beautiful. Winters of course were much harder.

The Orchards and ground there, as I remember, were mostly owned by the late Sam Barber, Mr Edwin Barber, Mr Alf Smith and Mr Blockley, who owned the house and grounds. Some of these grounds were rented by my father and by Mr Durham.

Now, Mrs Durham had a friend, Mrs Pickard, who was referred to in the article written by Ethel Derry. I remember Mrs Pickard and her shop and I often wondered whose job it was to empty the shop after her death and what became of all "the Stock". We always called the shop "The Bon Marche". Mrs Pickard also attended the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. I can see her now, dressed all in black, rather untidy (especially her hair), coming to the chapel wearing two pairs of gold rimmed glasses. Her left eye must have had something wrong with it as she always blacked it out by putting tissue paper between the eye and the glasses. The two houses where I lived have long since been demolished and the well filled in. So too were the other houses I have mentioned.

**ELEANOR FOTHERGILL, BARROW-ON-SOAR (FORMERLY OF SILEBY)**

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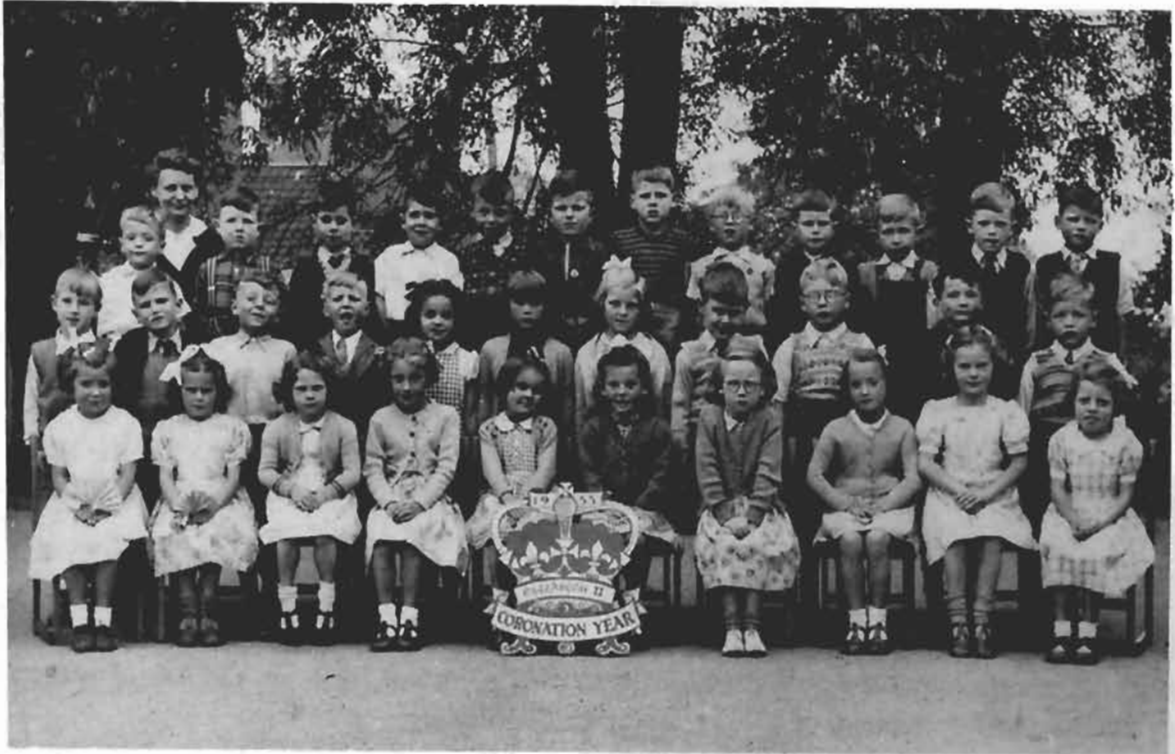
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## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

### DOG SIGNS - SILEBY MEMORIAL PARK

Sileby Parish Council continues to receive complaints from residents about the increasing problem of dog fouling on Sileby Memorial Park. As a first step to combat this nuisance, signs are to be erected at every entrance to the Park asking people in the interest of hygiene and health not to allow their dogs to foul the area.

We are seeking the public spirited support of the dog owners who use the Memorial Park to keep this area free from dog fouling for the benefit of all who enjoy the facility of the Memorial Park.

### SUMMER PAINTING PROJECT - CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Following the success of the mural painting on the play area in 1992 it has been decided by the Parish Council that the project for 1993 will be the painting of the fence around the play area. The project will commence on the week beginning 19th July 1993. This is for children of the village and we look forward to seeing them again this year.

### COMMUNITY CENTRE

Negotiations with the District Valuer have produced recommendations to both Charnwood Borough Council and Sileby Parish Council that the current realistic purchase price to the Parish Council would be £90,000.

This would include the adjacent house and all the facilities within the centre. This would appear to be a fair deal and it may be possible to repay the Borough Council over the next 5 or 10 years. **But what do you think?** A white elephant or a golden opportunity? Too good to miss or can we do without the centre? Let us hear what you have to say by coming along to a public meeting to be held at the Community Centre on THURSDAY 24th JUNE 1993 at 7.30pm.

### SILEBY'S BEST FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

Sileby Parish Council has decided to hold it's first BEST FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION this summer. There will be no entrance fee, we would just like you to fill in the application form below and hand it to one of your Parish Councillors, Beverly Burton (Clerk to the Council), or leave it at Wright's Butchers in the High Street. **APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE IN BY 30TH JUNE** and judging will take place during week commencing 2nd August. Three prizes of garden vouchers to the value of £20, £10 and £5 will be given for those gardens which the judges consider the best.

#### SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL "BEST FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION"

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## SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Since the last edition of the Stockade the new committee has met on a regular basis at the Centre. We are very pleased with the number of bookings we have received, and the increase in revenue has enabled us to look in a positive way at improving the rooms and facilities available. We have recently purchased a table tennis table, this is available for hire in the primary room with bats and balls.

Kay Machin (Sileby 814215) can be contacted for information and bookings. If you would like to see around the Centre please make an appointment for one of the committee to show you around. We welcome all constructive comments and suggestions, please let us know what you'd like to see in YOUR community centre.

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

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## SILEBY QUIZ LEAGUE

We are pleased to let everyone know that the Quiz League will continue this year. The format remains unchanged with the season running from October to March with a final held in April i.e. six Mondays plus a Finals night.

Posters will be displayed shortly asking for teams to sign up, so if you would like to enter the quiz keep your eyes peeled. We will also be needing Question Masters and if you are interested in doing this please let any member of the Stockade or Stuart Cammack know. We'll be delighted to hear from you.

Unfortunately we have not been able to obtain a final League table for the 1992 - 1993 season so if anyone can furnish the Stockade with one we will print it in the next edition.

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## CRYPTIC COMMENTS FOR MOTORISTS AND CYCLISTS

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- 1) The yellow lines around the village are not the remains of some ancient rite or left over from Christmas - they do have some significance in law and should not be ignored.
- 2) The above also applies to the Zig Zag lines near the crossing in the High Street.
- 3) The raised edges to either side of the road are KERBS. These denote the start of the pavement - this is an area for walking on, not for motorists to park.
- 4) The pavement mentioned in item 3 is for use by pedestrians and for people with pushchairs and prams. They are not cycle lanes - We do not have such things in the village.


I hope this helps to clarify some points which appear to cause certain motorists and cyclists difficulty and confusion!

E.M.R.

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1. What gift did John and Eleanor Dudley make to Sileby in 1833?
2. Where can you cross a bridge to reach a fountain?
3. Where can be seen a free standing coloured picture of a man leading a four wheeled horse drawn vehicle?
4. What is the date on Pochin Hall?
5. Where in King Street can be seen a circle of Roan figures?
6. What public service did Mary Ellen Caloe perform in Sileby on 3rd December 1884?
7. Which Sileby Bridge bears the number 47?
8. Who opened the Memorial Park in 1953 to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II?
9. Victoria House is at number 40 .....? Road. Name the road.
10. Where will about forty steps up and down take you on and off a High?
11. Where are you if you take a call on 0509 812211?
12. Deduct the distance between Seagrave and the Wartburg from the date appearing on the Wartburg and give the answer.

To avoid defacing your Stockade please write your numbered answers on a fresh sheet of paper. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER ARE CLEARLY SHOWN AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.**

We would like to thank Jack Meadows for the idea of this prize quiz and for setting these questions.

#### **ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ IN EDITION 8 OF THE STOCKADE**

We hope you enjoyed trying to puzzle out Tom Machin's place names in the last edition :-

- 1) Sileby 2) Barking 3) Stratford 4) Canterbury 5) Crewe 6) Ely 7) Reading 8) Tunbridge Wells  
9) Aintree 10) Bury 11) Plymouth\*\* 12) Chester 13) Southport 14) Bath 15) Leeds 16) Derby  
17) Aylesbury 18) York 19) Darlington 20) Coventry 21) Preston 22) Seagrave 23) Barnstable  
24) New Haven 25) Wimbledon 26) Weston Super Mare 27) Larne 28) Newcastle 29) Antrim  
30) Ayr 31) Bootle 32) Liverpool 33) Uttoxeter 34) Glasgow 35) Doncaster 36) Poole

\*\* The question No. 11 should have read WOOL MEASURE not WOOD MEASURE  
apologies all round.

## RED NOSE DAY AT REDLANDS COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thanks to everyone who sent us a letter about what went on at Redlands school on Red Nose day. We enjoyed reading all of them. Keep us informed of what else is going on and write in to the Stockade. We will publish as many as we can (please remember to write in black ink to help with printing). Here are just two of the many:

### Comic Relief.



Hello Stockade readers,  
Here is my story about what we did for Comic Relief. For comic Relief we did many things to raise money. The first thing we did was sell cakes. They were plain cakes with white icing and a cherry on top. We had about 300 cakes to sell at 10p each. We sold them all. Also a lot of us dressed up. Some of us had sponsors and some of us gave a minimum of 20p to dress up. The last thing we did that day was the barn dance. That was 10p also. Classes that joined in with us (class 9) were class 8 and class 7. At night after school we had a disco that was £1.00 to get in and half of the money went to Comic Relief. All in all our class has raised over 100 pounds for Comic Relief.

By Gemma Hammond.  
Redlands County Primary School. Age. 10.

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## COSSINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

The past term has seen a whole host of activities taking place at Cossington C.E. Primary School. At the beginning of term there were sponsored events in aid of Barnados when a total of £429.68 was raised. This followed a visit from Zilla Hornsby who told the children about the work that Barnados was involved in.

In March the children and staff joined with the rest of the country in supporting Comic Relief Day. Everyone attended school in fancy dress and performed a giant "conga" dance around the school field. Donations collected on the day amounted to £65.

Also in March the Year-6 children spent a week in Derbyshire on a residential visit. They took part in a variety of outdoor pursuits and environmental acts, returning tired but having had a good time.

The "Grand Finale" of the term was a production based on the legend of King Arthur and his Round Table. The production was a "unique" adaption and included songs, dances and even Cilla Black! There were three performances which were well attended. The performance on the 27th April was for Cossington residents as part of the Cossington May Day celebrations.

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### **COSSINGTON - History, Stories, People, Places and Pictures.**

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The magnificent St. Mary's Church in Sileby is in need of urgent repairs. The roof needs to have several areas re-leaded as storm water leaks through in various places. This work has to be done immediately to avoid even greater work and expense in the future. St. Mary's has a Heritage Fund which is for the maintenance of the Church, but more finance is needed. Any donations towards this would be gratefully accepted.

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## ABBAYFIELD HOUSE FEDERATION

Perhaps some of you have read about The Abbeyfield House Federation in the local press and have wondered what it was all about. The Abbeyfield is a federation of voluntary local societies, each with charitable status, which set up and manage family sized houses where around ten elderly people have their own bed-sitting room. Residents furnish their own room with their treasured possessions and are encouraged to lead their own lives. The residents meet together for the main meals of the day which are prepared by the resident housekeeper.

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## FROM RUSSIA - WITH LOVE

If a year ago someone had told me that Richard and I would be sitting at the dinner table with four Russian children I would not have believed it possible. But it happened!

You may have read about the trip to Leicestershire by 32 children and 5 adults, all affected by the Chernobyl disaster, organised and paid for by the church I belong to, the Elim Pentecostal church in Leicester. None of the visitors are expected to live past their early twenties.

When the trip was first proposed I prayed that I might be allowed the honour and privilege of looking after two children for the four weekends of their trip (the weekdays were spent at Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse). My prayers were answered and I was permitted to have not two but four boys aged 7, 8, 14 and 15 years of age stay with me in my cottage in Sileby.

I haven't the space here to tell of the fun Richard and I had trying to cope with the language problem but I really would like to take this opportunity to thank the many friends and indeed strangers who gave money, new clothes, gifts and toys etc for the children to take back with them. Everyone who heard of the plight of these poor children who had hardly any clothes and live a very hard, poor life back home were very generous. To all of you too numerous to name I thank you on behalf of Sergia, Olac, Dema, and Andree. God Bless You All.

Judy Kent  
36 Barrow Road

P.S. A big thank you to Richard who helped by my side all the time.

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## JOAN SAYS THANKS TO SILEBY

Joan Hurst, who many of you will know as one of Sileby's Home Helps, would like to thank everyone in the village who helped her raise funds for the Royal Leicestershire Rutland and Wycliffe Society for the Blind. Joan knitted a two foot clown and she raised a total of £191 when it was raffled.

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## 2ND SILEBY RAINBOWS

Since last writing (issue 7) we have had lots of fun. We had a lovely Christmas Party with a surprise visit from Santa. As part of our Christmas activities we all split up into groups of five and each group performed a five minute pantomime to the rest of the Rainbows. We did Sleeping Beauty, Red Riding Hood and Cinderella.

After Christmas we went to Loughborough Town Hall to see Mother Goose. with the 1st Brownies (Oh yes we did!).

Since Christmas we have made a Woolly doll, and had a party for our 2nd birthday. We made our own party hats out of newspaper and an animal mobile which took a couple of weeks.

During one of our meetings our project was to make our own passports. We had to find out lots of information about ourselves such as where we live, when we were born, how tall we are, what colour hair and eyes we have. We used our passports at our next meeting for our 'trip' to France.

During this next meeting we had great fun going on our imaginary trip. Some of us decided to travel on the plane, some on the ferry but most of us (including me) travelled on the hovercraft. When we got to France (some 10 seconds later) we went to Paris to see the sights, then had a snack of french bread, french cheese and croissants at a cafe. We made flags and stuck them into our passports. We arrived back from this trip from France just in time to see the mums and dads arriving.

Our next week's imaginary 'trip' was to Italy. This time we all travelled together on the plane and when we got there pizzas and spaghetti were on the menu. After we made our Mothers day cards it was time to get back to Sileby.

Our final destination was this week when we went to Switzerland, up the Alps then onto Holland to see the windmills and flowers. We picked plenty of flowers (from Leicester Market really!) to give to our mums for Mothers day (only a day late). Then it was back home again. It's amazing how far we Rainbows can go in an hour! Later in the year we're hoping our travels will take us to China, India, Australia and America.

Well, next week we are staying in Sileby to have our Easter Bonnet Parade, that is always very colourful and we have lots of fun. Well that's us up to date. Rainbows do have fun!

**JULIE CADDOCK, RAINBOW LEADER**

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## BYGONE SILEBY

We were pleased to receive several letters in response to our request for people's recollections of bygone Sileby.

### A SILEBY COMPOSER: MR "TRICKER" PRESTON.

A complimentary benefit concert on behalf of Mr T. Preston was given by the members of the Town Band, in the National School Rooms on Barrow Road (now The Old School Restaurant) on November 6th 1911. Mr W.H. Sharpe presided and in the course of a short speech set forth Mr Preston's musical attainments and the help he had given to the cause of the charity during his life.

As a youth, Mr Preston spent 5 years in the Leicester Militia Band under Mr Nicholson, who pronounced him a "little Wonder".

When he returned to Sileby Mr Preston joined The Quorn and Sileby Town Band as it was then called, later becoming a member of The Sileby Town Band, to which he belonged for some 30 years.

Mr Preston was also known as a composer, his anthem "The Lord is My Shepherd" obtained a first prize in a competition open to all England. He took a second prize for "Trustfulness" and several of his anthems, including "Great and Glorious" and "Arise and Shine" have been purchased and published in the "Yorkshire Choralist". Ten of his glees have also appeared in print.

I remember hearing some of these glees being sung by a quartet from the King Street Methodist Choir, Les Spence, Ivy and Stan Dakin, Lillian Hetterly. I can only remember one title "The Hunt", can any other reader remember the other titles?

J.H. WHITTINGTON.

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Before the shop at the top of the High Street became Pet Supplies it was a cut price shop selling all sorts of things like toiletries, household goods and gifts. It was owned by Cliff Howard who lived in Cossington and I worked for him. We were there for about 18 months to 2 years and then we moved down to what is now the furniture shop. It was a big two floor supermarket selling almost anything you could think of. I spent 6 years working there. At one stage Mr Howard appeared on television as he was selling cut price medicine products. I remember a lot of arguments and letters going back and forth between the drug companies and Mr Howard. As usual the big companies won and we had to comply with their prices. I wonder how many people remember?

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## CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL STRUCTURE PLAN

In the last edition of the Stockade we informed you about the latest Local Plan which has been submitted by the planners at Charnwood Borough Council. Within the boundary of Sileby three developments, totalling 370 dwellings, have been proposed plus a large industrial unit around Slash Lane. Some of the residents of Cossington have formed an action group, C.I.D. (Cossington In Danger), to fight the proposal for their village which involves the building of a new settlement of up to 1500 dwellings and a business park with local amenities.

We should be pleased to hear your views, for or against, on the proposed sites in Sileby and Cossington.

The following article has been submitted by C.I.D.:-

### **COSSINGTON IN DANGER, BUT WHAT ABOUT SILEBY?**

The plans which have been suggested in Charnwood Borough Council's latest Local Plan, include a proposal for a large development of 1500 homes. If such plans go forward the development would overlook and take away the rurality of both Cossington and Sileby - not forgetting Ratcliffe, East Goscote and to some extent Syston.

How can planners suggest this site, which is only half a mile away from the Sileby site which was proposed in the last Borough Local Plan? S.O.S. successfully won their case against this original site at an expensive public enquiry only two years ago.

C.I.D. (Cossington in Danger) are looking for all allies to fight this proposed development. If you would like more information please contact:-

Chairman: Mr Paul Waldron or  
41, Main Street,  
Cossington.  
Telephone 814586

Secretary: Mrs Penny Weston-Webb  
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Cossington.  
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Local choice is said to be - and in the past has been found to be - a major factor influencing the Planners final decisions; therefore, personal, individual letters from concerned members of the public *do* matter i.e. the more letters which are received the greater their effect. So every member of your household who can write, should write - not just one letter per household. We are looking for support from all the villages around this proposed development and would ask for your support. Please write, voicing your opinion to:-

The Chairman of Charnwood Borough Council Planning Committee,  
Southfields,  
Loughborough.

Also, if possible, a copy please to C.I.D. so we are able to keep a record of the total number of letters of objection.

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The latest news we have from the Planning Department at Charnwood is that each site is being looked at in more detail. There will be another round of technical assessments and in particular in Sileby the highway issues will be reviewed at greater length.

In July the Planners will report back with their latest findings to the Borough Councillors who will decide which sites will remain in the Local Plan. It is quite likely that all sites will remain in the plan at this stage and the public will be asked to express their views in writing during the public consultation period.

JTB

## BEYOND THE HUMBLER'S BRIDGE

*They want to build a village  
Just beyond the Humblers' Bridge,  
Our heritage there to pillage,  
From those fields below the ridge.  
It's said there will be a business park  
And a place to catch the trains -  
But who will care for each skylark  
As they lay their pipes and drains?*

*They'll be grabbing out the hedgerows  
And all the blackberry briars,  
Bulldozing everything that grows -  
Then burn the past within their fires.  
Gone would be the sights and sounds of farming  
And bird songs at dawn's first light:  
For it's unbelievable and alarming  
How fields can vanish overnight.*

*With endless bricks and concrete  
And streets instead of grass,  
We would see the countryside retreat,  
If it should ever come to pass.  
There would be cars instead of cattle  
And lorries instead of sheep,  
Creating more alien noise and rattle  
In our countryside so deep.*

*So different to the scene to greet us,  
As we approach from the 'Ratcliffe Hill'  
There rising up to meet us  
Would be a housing overspill.  
Gone forever that familiar view  
As we gaze from astride the ridge;  
Instead, there would be a village new -  
Just beyond the Humble's Bridge.*

S. ALLEN

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## SILEBY TOWN CRICKET CLUB - A NOTE OF THANKS

Villagers passing by the cricket club and seeing the miraculous extension to the field may be forgiven for thinking that the club had been less than honest about their problems in paying their way over the years.

This article is in way of an explanation and sincere thank you for an extremely unselfish act of generosity by Mr and Mrs P.J. Astill who not only paid for the extra land but for the new fence also. When I add that neither Mr or Mrs Astill even like cricket you will understand why I said unselfish act of generosity.

When pushed into giving an explanation (not by myself as I never look a gift horse in the mouth!), John has said that it is his way of expressing a recognition of the great effort that S.T.C.C. had put into the juniors of which there are about sixty at present.

That is the explanation part of my letter and now it remains for me on behalf of all members of Sileby Town Cricket Club (seniors and juniors) to thank John and Dorothy for making possible a long standing dream come true. Also not forgetting Mr J. Winterton, the previous owner of the land because without his cooperation none of this would have been possible.

by Richard James  
(Sileby Town Cricket Club)

## SILEBY JUNIOR BASEBALL TEAM - THE VIKINGS

Once again it's the start of the season. Although we didn't win many matches last season we did win the LOL WHELON knockout cup. We all thought this was a big achievement considering it was our first year.

We have bought a lot of kit but still need more and are still on the look out for a sponsor or sponsors. Also it's time to start training a men's team so the up and coming juniors will not have to give up the game when they get too old for the original team. I am looking for people with an interest in the game to help form this new team. We will make you fit - training still takes place on Saturday afternoons, 2pm until 4pm, at Heathcote School.

We are very pleased to be able to tell you that one lad from the village who plays for the Vikings has been selected to play for England against Scotland with a further chance to play against Spain.

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## SILEBY JUNIORS FOOTBALL TEAM

The season 92/93 has been a very successful one for the club, which now has five teams ranging from U10's to U15's.

**U10's** - Managed by P.Glover and M.Sheen, won the Asfordby 5-a-side competition.

**U12's** - Managed by A.Hetterly, were runners up in their league.

**U13's** - Managed by S.Perry, won the Aylestone Park Tournament, were County Cup quarter finalists, League Cup semi-finalists and fifth in their league.

**U14's** - Managed by A.Ison, were quarter finalists in the League Cup and did well in their league.

**U15's** - Managed by A.Bettles. In their last season with the Juniors before moving on to become The Sileby Town Youth Team, they did exceptionally well in winning both their league and League Cup final against Syston who they beat 1-0. We wish them continued success.

Congratulations should go to all the players and managers for such a good all round performance. The U10's will be looking for more players next season so if you have a son aged between 7 and 9 who would like to play league football please contact either Ian Summerfield on 813235 or Glenn Parkinson on 813422.

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## THE STOCKADE DIRECTORY

We'd like to thank those organisations who took the trouble to fill in the directory form in the last edition of the Stockade. If you belong to any group or club spend a few moments and write down brief details of your organisation and hand them in at Wright's Butchers on the High Street or give them to one of the Committee members.

**2nd SILEBY RAINBOW GUIDES.** CONTACT:- Julie Caddock or Linda Jones (Sileby 812385).  
INFORMATION:- This organisation is for 5 to 7 year old girls before going onto Brownies. The girls go on outings and have fun. They also lend a hand and try to be kind and helpful. There is a waiting list.

**SILEBY EVERGREEN CLUB.** CONTACT:- Mrs Vera Walters, Secretary (Sileby 812195).  
INFORMATION:- The Evergreen club is for men over 65, women aged 60 or those people who have retired from work early. You should be a resident of the village. Meetings are held on a Wednesday and Friday from 2pm until 4pm at The Village Institute, Manor Drive, off Cossington Road. Social events and outings are also arranged. New members are always welcome. Whist or Bingo which takes place on the first Saturday in every month, starting at 2.30pm, is open to all ages.

**HOMESTART.** CONTACT:- Sue Carruthers on 842282.  
INFORMATION:- Meetings are every Tuesday afternoon at the Community Centre from 1 to 3pm and are open to all families with children under 5 years. There is a charge of 40p per family. The group meets throughout the holidays, only closing for the July fortnight.

**SQUEALS ON WHEELS.** CONTACT:- Jayne Beck (Sileby 814339).  
INFORMATION:- This group is for mums with pre-playschool children. There's playtime for the children so they can mix and the mums can socialise. The cost is 50p per family which includes drinks and biscuits. Meetings take place on Thursdays from 9.30 until 11.30am at the Pochin Hall, Mountsorrel Lane except during holiday times.

**SILEBY COMMUNITY PROJECT.** CONTACT:- Caroline Harding (Sileby 816403)  
INFORMATION:- The project is for the benefit of all people of any age who live or work in Sileby. The kind of activities which could be included are:- Drop in facilities, information, support networks, self help groups, opportunities for volunteers and is open to **your** suggestions.

**SILEBY VIKINGS JUNIOR BASEBALL TEAM.** CONTACT:- Tony Green (Sileby 816198)  
INFORMATION:- Anyone between 11 and 17 years of age. A more senior team has also been formed. The teams play during the summer.

**1st SILEBY BROWNIES.** CONTACT:- Mrs E. Taylor (Sileby 814874). There is a waiting list to join.

**THE WHITTINGTON BADGER SETT.** CONTACT:- Mrs R. Wain (Sileby 812344).  
INFORMATION:- This is the junior section of The St John's Ambulance for children between 6 and 10 years of age. If anyone is interested it is important to join the waiting list early.

**SILEBY BEAVER SCOUTS.** CONTACT:- Mrs J. Holloway (Sileby 813604) or Mrs S.Healy (Sileby 814446).  
INFORMATION:- For boys aged 6 to 8 years. Activities include games and crafts. Our motto is 'Fun and Friends'. There is a waiting list.

**SILEBY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.** CONTACT:- Lionel Blower (Sileby 816287)  
INFORMATION:- Meetings held most Mondays at Village Institute 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Everyone welcome.



## A VILLAGE VISITORS VIEW

*Oh dear! What can the matter be  
What is happening to poor old Sileby.  
Has it entered a time warp or just given up  
Where is the village, or is it a town?  
Whichever it is, it's standards gone down.*

*Through the eyes of a visitor, I entered and saw  
Roads littered and potholed, a sore opened raw.  
Arriving from Barrow, verge gardens a mess  
Parking on both sides, no signs -noredress.*

*Where is the pride that was here years ago  
When fronts were swept clean and gutters did flow  
Shops that were thriving now empty I see  
TO LET and FOR SALE signs stare sadly at me.*

*I missed you dear Sileby but could not return  
For the Sileby remembered is what I would yearn  
So - as I leave you not happily,  
I pray that death does not follow apathy*

A. NAOM

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## POWDERLYS CHEMIST, HIGH STREET

As you are no doubt aware Powderlys Chemist in the High Street has closed and all business under Powderlys Limited is now taking place at the Swan Street shop.

I would like to take this opportunity of writing in the Stockade on behalf of all of us at the High Street branch to thank our friends for their support and custom over the years. We are pleased to have been part of Sileby's health care team and have all had a great and enjoyable time helping and serving our customers.

The 'girls', Maggie, Rita and the Margarets will still be working for Powderlys and look forward to seeing everyone at the Swan Street branch. I would also like to thank everyone who has visited us over the last few weeks for their kind words.

JANIS BISHOP

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## A FAREWELL TO OUR HIGH STREET PHARMACY

I am sure that many people in Sileby were dismayed to read notices in the High Street Chemist that after serving the local people for nearly 100 years the facility will no longer exist.

It is disappointing to see another facility in the High Street disappearing so shortly after the closure of Barclays Bank. Let us hope that the centre of our village is not going to be further disadvantaged by any more closures.

The staff at the High Street chemist have always given a caring and cheerful service and we wish you all good luck as you move on to pastures new. E.L.

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## POLICE NEWS

### PUB WATCH

During the month of April a Pub Watch Scheme was set up in Sileby. The Six public houses along with The Working Men's Club, the Cons. Club and the Snooker Club (when it re-opens) are all involved. Whilst Sileby is not particularly a trouble spot, the idea of Pub Watch is to make sure it doesn't become one.

The scheme has the backing of the licensees, the police and the breweries and can act as a deterrent to troublemakers. It adds to increased co-operation between the licence trade and the police and hopefully lessens the incidents of damage and public order offenses.

Details of any incidents or any problems likely to arise are passed on to each of the licensees very quickly making it easier for them to act upon it. It is worth bearing in mind that an exclusion order can be applied for and a person could be banned from all the participating pubs in the scheme for:-

- 1) Using violence or threats to the licensee, his family or staff.
- 2) Causing criminal damage to or in the premises or grounds.
- 3) Habitually causing trouble or disorder.

Hopefully the scheme will help to keep trouble out of Sileby which will benefit all - the licensees, the customers and the Police.

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Dudley Court is Sheltered Accommodation for Senior Citizens and was opened by Mr. Francis Burton J.P. on September 27th 1973. The complex of thirty five flats includes twenty five single flats, seven double plus the Wardens accommodation, a communal lounge, kitchen, laundry and some store rooms. Recently, we had a very efficient fire and smoke alarm system installed. There are also four flats in the annex.

The accommodation at Dudley Court gives single and married senior citizens their own flat, life style and independence but with the security and peace of mind of knowing there is a resident warden who is available to the residents over the full 24 hour period and able to cope with any emergency that may arise.

In June 1992 Mrs R.V. Gray became the Resident Warden for Dudley Court and the Social and Friendship Committee was formed. Our first aim was to raise funds for a television and video for Dudley Court. An appeal letter was sent to various sections of the community regarding this and the response was fantastic. Substantial donations were received from Mr J. Astill and the Sibley Parade and Gala Committee. The Sibley Conservative Club and Mrs Kay Machin organised a Skittles and supper evening and all the proceeds went towards our appeal.

Other events organised have included two rummage sales and Wednesday coffee mornings, when everyone from the village is welcome to attend. Residents also enjoy one evening a week of bingo. A social get together evening was arranged and each resident was able to invite a guest. Also we had an enjoyable Halloween social evening. Christmas dinner for all residents was catered for and we had a Christmas Night party with buffet supper and refreshments to which we invited guests. Also a volunteers evening get together was arranged and together with a very enjoyable Valentines social evening! These evenings are very popular with both the residents and their friends and families.

The committee are in the process of organising other events for the residents during this year. The proceeds of these events are used to help and subsidise other events and outings. Three whist drives have been held and this will be a regular event to be held every month.

Further news will be published in the Stockade.

Yours Sincerely

**GEORGE ROGERS (SECRETARY)**

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## SILEBY EVERGREEN CLUB

The Spring fayre which was organised by our members on Saturday 27th March proved to be a huge success. This was the first event of it's kind that members had embarked upon so naturally we were very pleased with the result.

We would like to thank everyone in the village who supported us by coming on the day and also to relatives and friends of our members who donated goods or made cakes for the cake stall. Needless to say this stall soon sold out as did the Tombola stall.

The proceeds were for our refurbishment project which is making excellent progress. However, we cannot sit back on our laurels just yet as there are a few more improvements we would like to make in the near future. With these in mind we are organising another fayre in the Autumn. The date is Saturday 18th September at the Village Institute from 10.00am till 12 noon. There will be similar stalls but with the addition of jams, pickles, fruit and vegetables. We do hope that we get the same support from the village.

Any ladies or gentlemen living in Sileby (Gents 65 & over and Ladies 60 & over - or anyone who has retired early) who would like to join our group would be most welcome.

We meet on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. to play whist or bingo. This may not sound very exciting but there is a friendly atmosphere and it is better than sitting at home feeling lonely. Canteen helpers are also required and if anyone is available perhaps on a rota basis we would appreciate your services. Telephone Sileby 812195 for more details.

We also have an occasional outing and hold Saturday afternoon whist and Bingo at 2.00pm on the first Saturday of each month (with the exception of July). Anyone of any age is welcome and admission of £1 includes refreshments.

**MRS VERA WALTERS, SECRETARY**

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### SILEBY ELECTION RESULTS - May 6th 1993

Mr Raymond Mason (Conservative) was re-elected to represent Sileby and Mountsorrel at the Leicestershire County Council. He received 1,373 votes whilst J. Lewis (Labour) received 1,334 and R. Bacon (L. Dem) received 456 votes.

In the Parish Council election in St Gregory's ward Mr Joyce Betts of Cossington Road and Mrs Rose Trasler of Avenue Road were elected.

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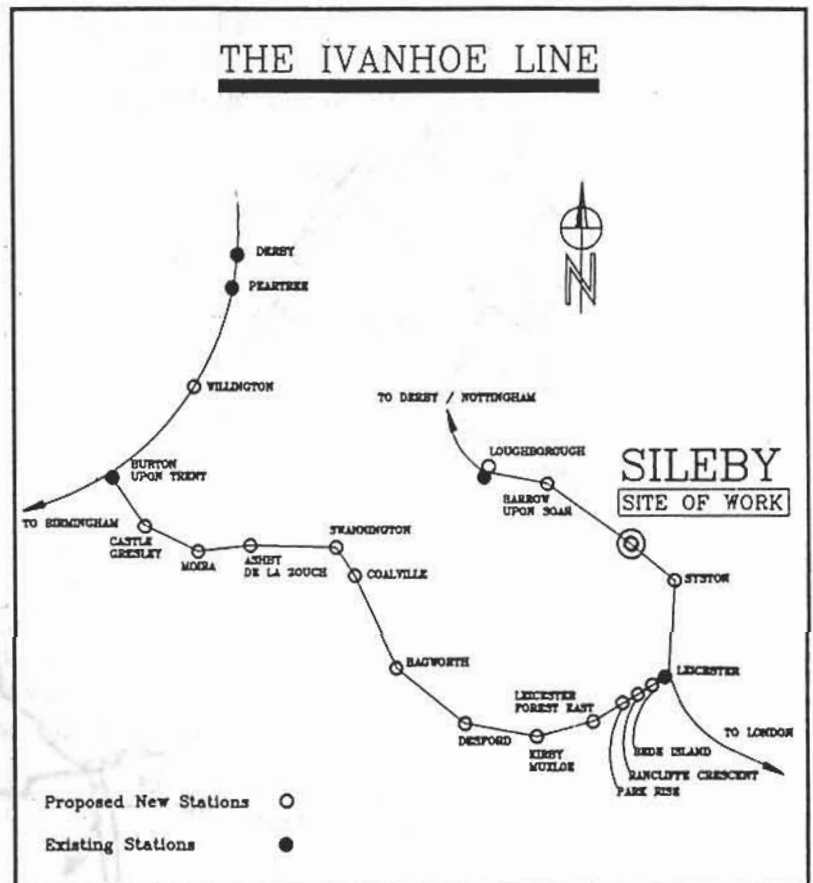
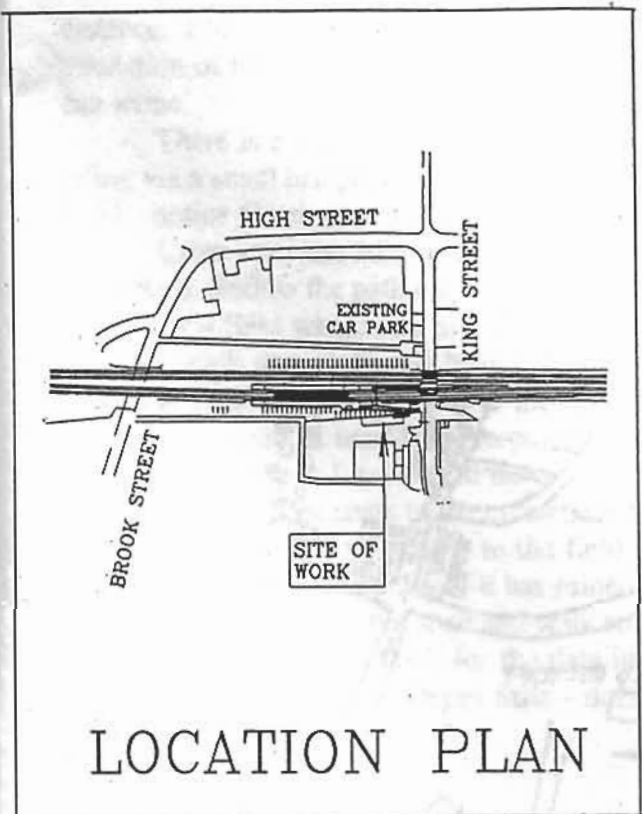
**LET THE TRAIN TAKE THE STRAIN**  
**- IT'S GREEN LIGHTS ALL THE WAY FOR SILEBY'S STATION -**

You may recall in the last edition of the Stockade we printed an article by Peter Garrood, the Ivanhoe Line Project Manager for Leicestershire County Council. Since the article was printed Sileby Parish Council have met with Mr Garrood to discuss the plans for our station.

We are all very excited about the Ivanhoe line and have been assured that everything is underway to commence service between Leicester and Loughborough in May 1994. The plan is that construction of Sileby station will begin in September/October with work taking place throughout the winter. Completion is expected in April 1994 which will give a few weeks for the Railway inspectorate to do the safety checks.

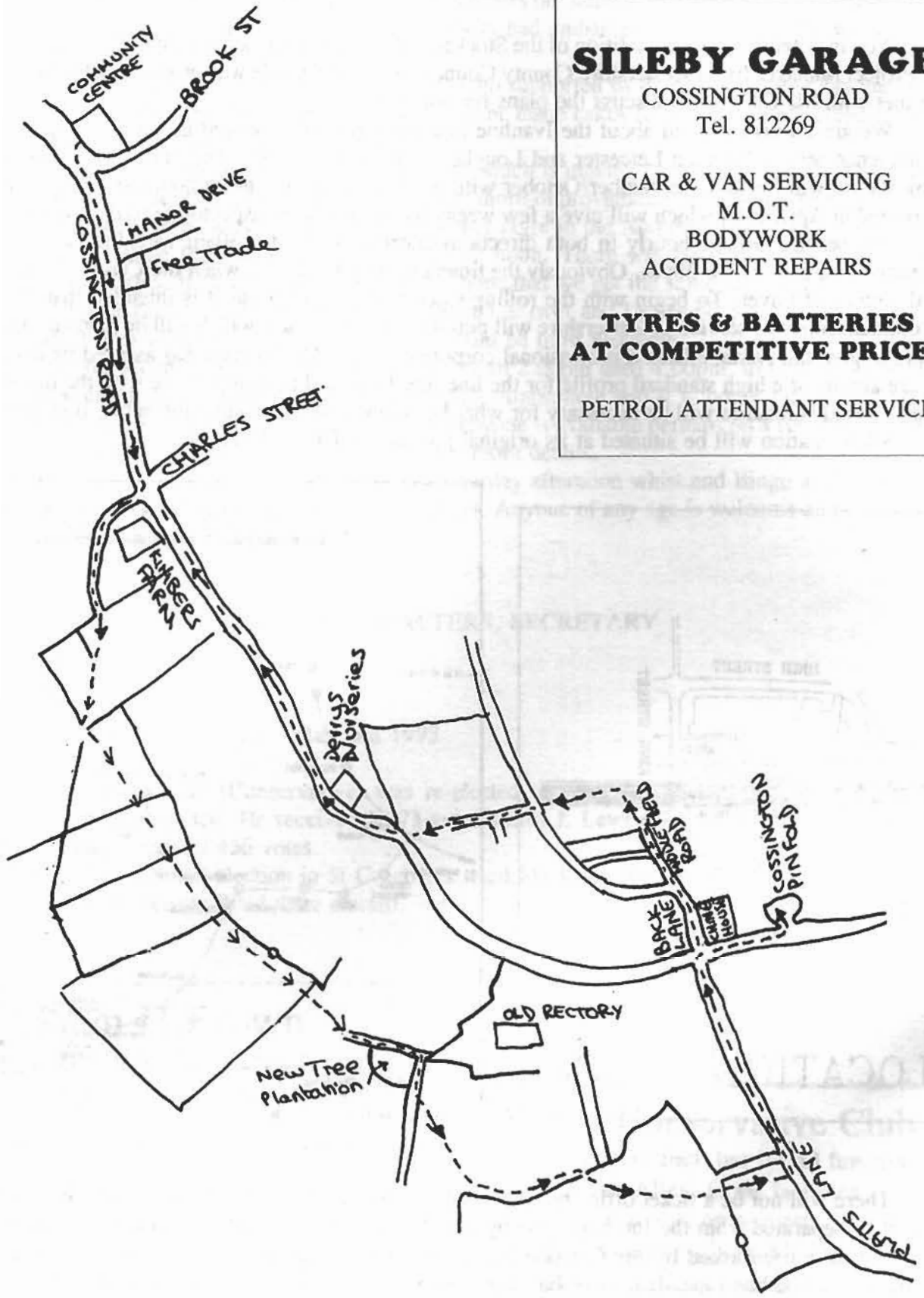
The service will be hourly in both directions starting at about 6.30am with the last train leaving Leicester no earlier than 10.30pm. Obviously the timetable may be altered when the County Council see the actual pattern of travel. To begin with the rolling-stock will be rented but it is intended that shortly after the commencement of service Leicestershire will purchase its own trains which will be painted in distinctive colours to give the Ivanhoe Line a professional corporate image. Mr Garrood has assured us that although they are aiming at a high standard profile for the line, the fares will be competitive with the bus fares even though a small surcharge will be necessary for what he believes will be a superior public transport service.

Sileby station will be situated at its original position, off King Street.



There will not be a ticket office but there will be two shelters, one on each platform. The Ivanhoe line will be separated from the Intercity Line by a high fence for the safety of waiting passengers.

We have been asked by Mr Garrood for information relating to the "old station" to celebrate the opening of the Ivanhoe Line. If anyone has any memorabilia, stories or if they worked at the old Sileby station we would be pleased to hear from you; alternatively contact Mr Garrood directly at County Hall (Tel. Leicester 657349).



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## A WALK THROUGH SILEBY AND COSSINGTON

The walk we've written out below is quite possible to do during a summer evening. It follows part of the same route of the other walk we've put in issue 1 and the inclusion of a map should enable more of you to enjoy a walk. There are several things to look out for on your way round, so up you get - Please remember to follow the Country Code and wear sensible shoes or walking boots.

Starting from Sileby High Street head towards Cossington along Cossington Road. Before crossing Dudley's Bridge look at the inscribed date on the bridge. This is shown in Roman Numerals but is based on the Jewish Calendar. On your way along Cossington Road look at the different types of houses- The dates and names give you a good picture as to how this road in Sileby was gradually developed.

About 1/2 a mile along the road, opposite Charles Street, turn right along the public footpath along Kimber's drive. Cross the stile, walking along the path going between the greenhouses and stables. Cross another stile and you will be in an open field. Follow the path to the far right of the field and just before crossing the stile look over to your right to see the field where gravel extraction is taking place. Continue your walk by going over this second stile and walk across the field to a third stile which will be straight ahead of you. This footpath is not shown on any O.S maps because it is a diverted footpath and for the foreseeable future this path must be used. It is likely that once the gravel extraction is completed the original footpath will be re-instated.

Our path continues through another three fields; you will see the spire of Cossington church in the distance. Follow this direction over another stile and walk along the clearly defined path with a new plantation of trees to the left hand side. It's worth spending a little time here to see how many species you can name.

There is a T junction of footpaths at this point, turn right and then after few yards along turn left going via a small bridge and stile over the brook. Walk straight ahead following the right hand hedge of the field - notice Cossington's old Rectory (now privately owned) on your left.

Cross over the stile in the far right corner of this field and over another small bridge into a large open field. Follow the path diagonally left to the gateway of another field. The footpath crosses the left hand edge of this field where you are likely to see horses. You are now in Platts Lane, turn left (or if you want a longer walk turn right and have a look around Cossington Lakes) and head towards the village. At the crossroads make a slight detour to the right and look at the pinfold - a small area just passed Chine House where stray animals used to be kept until their owners came to claim them. This was renovated in 1986. There is a seat here for those in need.

Retrace your steps to the crossroads turn right along Back lane. Walk straight ahead - do not follow the road bend - until you come to the field where the roses may be growing. Walk across about 20 yards to the main track (taking care if it has rained as the path can be very slippery). Turn left along this path and walk to the road. Cross the road and walk straight down Bennetts Lane for about 20 yards then take the path called Crab Tree Lane. Look for the date in the wall at the start of this lane. Continue along the path into the field and exit at Polly Peggs Stile - does she still walk at midnight? Turn right, back onto Cossington Road and head for home.

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## SILEBY COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT

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By the time you read this I hope the Community Health Project will have moved to it's new home in the Community Centre House. As soon as the decorating is finished an Open Day will be organised and you can come along to find out how the project might be of use to you or how you might help the project. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the Community Centre House or leave a message for Caroline Harding on Sileby 816403.

Following on from this, there have been two meetings of The Sileby Community Health Project, Loughborough Volunteer Bureau and people interested in finding out more about opportunities to do some kind of voluntary work.

Gerry Jacobs, from Charnwood Community Council, chaired these informal meetings which started with a short description of The Sileby Community Health Project by Caroline Harding. Asha Nain and Alison Reeve gave brief presentations of the value and wide range of volunteer opportunities available.

Following the presentations there was a general discussion about the kind of things that volunteers could do in Sileby, these are some of the suggestions that were mentioned:-

- Summer Play Scheme
- Help at the Evergreen Club
- Nature Reserve
- Clean up public Areas
- Planting
- Ditch and path clearing
- Adopt a lonely person for Christmas
- Elderly persons Lunch club
- Opportunities to bring young and old folk together
- Collection of food at Christmas - to distribute
- Organise events in village e.g. an Arts Week- using local talent
- Music festival on the park
- Children's Events week
- Organise some activities at Dudley Court for residents and others
- Help existing playgroups or start new ones
- Set up a baby sitting circle
- Volunteer to do small odd jobs/repairs for elderly people
- Help with one of the many existing organisations or clubs in or around Sileby.

If you have an interest in any of the above or any other suggestions, please get in touch with Caroline at the Community Centre House, High Street (or Sileby 816403) or Asha and Alison who are based at the Loughborough Volunteer Bureau, John Storer House, in Loughborough 230131.



## MEMORIES OF 'THE GENERAL SIR JOHN MOORE'

When I was a lad the pub's proper name was very rarely used, it was known to the locals as 'Dick Gambles' as Mr & Mrs Dick Gamble kept it for years. They were Miss Grace Barbers grandparents. They also had another daughter who became Mrs Heggs and it was she who, along with her husband kept the 'Cons' Club for many years. When the pub closed the front was divided into two, one half became Worthingtons the grocers the other half was Mrs Carter's Fish & Chip shop (later to be taken over by Clark Carvill). Worthingtons closed down and became the Betting Shop. If I remember rightly before Mrs Carter had the fish shop Colin Wells had a green grocers shop on the site. I also remember that most Saturday evenings we had stalls in the front. These stall holders came from Leicester, on horse drawn vans. One week we would have hot peas and faggots, another week lino, rugs, carpets & oil cloth for covering your table, and another week there would be a pot sale. Old Ike Kidger would go around with his bell 'Town Cryer' shouting at the top of his voice on Saturday evenings "Pot sale tonight; the General Sir John Moore at 7 o'clock". It was never a Worthington house, that name was mistaken for the grocers shop by that name. It was "All Saints brewery"

**BERT UNDERWOOD, SKEGNESS (FORMERLY OF SILEBY)**

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In request for news of 'The General Sir John Moore' pub, I cannot tell the history of the pub only our family connection and that General Sir John Moore commanded the British troops in Portugal in 1809 and was mortally wounded at Corunna.

My father, Wilfred Blockley, was born at the pub in 1888 as were his three sisters and two brothers. My grandparents, Lizzie and William Blockley came to Sileby from Blaby in their early twenties, no doubt just married, to keep the 'General Moore' (as it was always referred to in our family). They raised the six children and left the pub in about 1918 to live in King Street (where I was born and still live) - none of the family who lived at the pub is alive today.

One of the stories told was of tramps calling, being given food with their beer and sometimes put to bed - probably too drunk to leave as the pubs were open all day at that time. The bedding had to be fumigated because many of the tramps had fleas! My cousin says she remembers being told about a triangular vessel containing water placed on the top of the fire in which to warm the drinks and of floods so high in the pub that the pub was put out!

In the family there are still two pairs of sugar cutters and small pewter jugs. The jugs were for measuring spirits and the cutters used to cut off a small piece of sugar to put in a pennyworth of gin etc. Sugar was expensive and bought in a block like salt also used to be.

My earliest memories of the pub are of going with my mother on Friday nights to the 'Pot Sale' held on the square in front of the premises by, I think Lisemores of Leicester. One could buy crooks very cheaply and the patter was always fascinating. In the winter the site was lit by naphtha flares. Sometimes the sales man got so cross if sales were not going too well that he would smash some pots on the ground. His idea of sensationalism! Lisemores held a market stall in Leicester for many years.

One can hardly imagine that the Fish and Betting Shops of today used to be the Old General Moore.

**MAY ECKER (nee Blockley)**

# SILEBY CHARITY DARTS LEAGUE

Trophy Winners were presented on 6th May at the Working mens Club and there followed entertainment and a buffet.

## CONTEX MENS SINGLES

Winner: Steve Cousins

Runner Up: Colin Baker

## ANDREWS LADIES SINGLES

Winner: Jane Ratcliffe

Runner Up: Jaquii Storks

## FOUNTAIN MENS PAIRS

Winners: Steve Cousins & Rob Chantrell

Runners Up: Nigel Williamson & John Smith

## CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB LADIES PAIRS

Winners: Sonja Bosch & Joyce Sansom

Runners Up: Jane Ratcliffe & Michelle Lowe

## LINK TRAINING MIXED PAIRS

Winners: Ken & Chris Baker

Runners Up: Malc & Chris Laird

## FREE TRADE KNOCK OUT CUP

Winners: Fountain "B"

Runners Up: Fountain "D"

## FREE TRADE TRIPLES

Winners: Sonja Bosch/Andy Maguire/Keith Pickles Runners Up: Pete & Jane Ratcliffe/Steve Taylor

## DEVIL TAKE THE HINDMOST

Winners: MEN Colin Baker & LADIES Michelle Lowe

On Thursday 29th April a blind pairs competition in aid of LOROS at The Fountain raised over £100. A raffle on the night was well sold by Margaret and Bob Gamble, Sileby's LOROS fund raisers. Winners presented with trophies on the night were Dave Batey and J. Southerdon. The runners up being Chris O'Reardon and Linda Jenkins. thanks to all who took part making the night such a success.

## 25th YEAR FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

### W.M.C. PREMIER DIVISION

	pl	w	l	tons	pts
FOUNTAIN B	16	13	3	169	59
FOUNTAIN D	16	12	4	152	48
FOUNTAIN A	16	10	6	110	47
RAILWAY C	16	7	9	119	44
WMC F	16	9	7	125	42
TRADE B	16	7	9	113	34
WMC C	16	6	10	82	33
RAILWAY A	16	5	11	78	30
SWANS S	16	3	13	52	23

### HARLEQUIN WALL COVERINGS DIVISION

	pl	w	l	tons	pts
SNOOKER A	18	18	0	105	67
WMC D	18	13	5	125	62
DUKE	18	13	5	81	58
CONS C	18	12	6	109	57
TRADE A	18	10	8	104	53
FOUNTAIN C	18	11	7	80	51
FOUNTAIN Y	18	5	13	48	34
SNOOKER L	18	4	14	38	30
TRADE Z	18	3	15	23	21
SWAN A	18	1	17	31	17

### FOUNTAIN INN DIVISION

	pl	w	l	tons	pts
FOUNTAIN I	18	15	3	100	68
WMC A	18	14	4	98	64
FOUNTAIN R	18	11	7	45	52
CONS D	18	12	6	39	49
TRUMPET	18	12	6	44	49
WMC B	18	6	12	54	43
TRADE D	18	6	12	56	38
SNOOKER B	18	6	12	55	36
FOUNTAIN X	18	5	11	33	32
CONS B	18	3	15	16	20

### DUKE OF YORK LADIES HIGHEST FINISH:

*L. Jenkins 116*

### RAILWAY MENS HIGHEST FINISH:

*M. Butler 140*

### CONS TOTE MENS TONS CHAMPION:

*J. Porter 66*

### WHITE SWAN LADIES TONS CHAMPION:

*S. Bosch 32*

## THANKS FROM AMSTERDAM

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Dear Editor,

I would like to thank you all for the hard work that you and the Committee have put into making the Stockade a very interesting and enjoyable magazine. I always look forward to receiving the Stockade from my father. Also I would like to thank Eric Wright for obtaining the back issues for me.

I find the magazine a very enjoyable read and have learnt a lot about the history of Sibley through the many articles written by the people of the village. Having been living in Amsterdam for over a year now I always feel closer to home when I receive my copy of The Stockade. Keep up the good work

Kind regards

**IVAN EASINGWOOD**

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### LEANNE EDMUNDS SWIMS FOR GREAT BRITAIN

In the last edition we published an article about Chris Needham. Since then we have received a letter concerning another young Sibley resident, Leanne Edmunds from her Grandmother:-

I would like to tell you about my granddaughter, Leanne Edmunds of Highgate Road, Sibley. She goes to Humphrey Perkins School and swims for Britain in the British Blind Sport. It was the National Championships at Wolverhampton on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th March. Teams were from Finland, Belgium, France, Spain, Germany and Great Britain. Leanne won 9 Gold medals and broke 4 British records. She swims for Belgrave Club, as does her sister Andrea who is 10 years old. Both spend time training younger children to swim. PLEASE SIBLEY GET THAT SWIMMING POOL.

**E.Edmans, Cossington**

Since receiving this article we have heard that Leanne has been picked to go to the European Swimming Championship in Rome on 3rd to 10th July. The invitation Leanne was sent says " Give your best for Great Britain and British blind sport". We're sure she will and we send her our best wishes.

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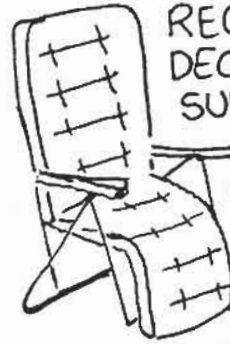
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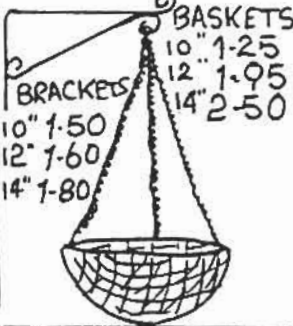


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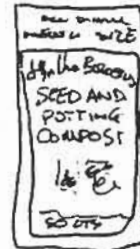


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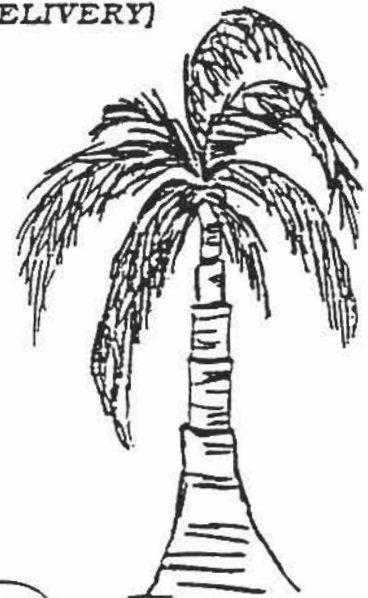
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