

# talk @ Sileby

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## 50 YEARS AGO



To mark the Queens Golden Jubilee we have unearthed a photograph of a street party all those years ago. The picture shows the children of Charles Street, and not actually in the street either for it was raining and tables and chairs were hastily put up in the garage at Frears, factory.

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## Foreword

Despite stating our independence in the first issue some readers still think we are in some way a council run newsletter. **WE ARE NOT.**

We are an independent newsletter published as a direct consequence of villagers asking for a community magazine when they filled in their Village Appraisal questionnaire.

Printing is entirely funded by the advertisements within these covers and all the people who work on it give of their time and expertise free of charge.

It is *your* newsletter, for *your* letters, *your* forthcoming events, *your* news.

This is our fourth, and Summer, issue. And for me, my last. I have enjoyed the last year setting up a village newsletter again, but it is time for me to go back to my garret, poetry and an old fashioned typewriter. Ah! – Bliss!

There are many people, from contributors to the team themselves who have made *Talk@Sileby* a success, but we have one thing in common. We all are residents of Sileby. There was one exception though, our producer Ron Billings, who came in from Rearsby to design, typeset and arrange the printing. Thank you Ron, we could not have done this without you.

Deadline for the September issue is July 31st. Copy to cover September through to early December. Please send any material c/o Roy Brown (marking the top left hand corner of the envelope 'Editor').

*Carol-Anne Freeman, Editor*

## Inspirations

We are a new shop that has just opened in King Street, Sileby. Our aim is to provide a dual service for the community of Sileby.

Firstly we offer a variety of goods for sale, which we think, is both unique and individualistic.

Secondly we would like to sell or act as agents to local craftsmen or artists. We have engaged so far a craftsman who professionally makes picture frames. One young gifted blacksmith provides beautifully constructed steel and copper flowers as well as a variety of other interesting products. He recently had a showing of his talents in Loughborough Town Hall. Locally produced aromatherapy products will soon be on sale in our shop, these

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## **Update on Sileby Evening Centre**

Leicestershire Youth and Community Education Service has run a small programme of adult classes at Redlands and Highgate Primary Schools for over 10 years. The popular "Fitness with Swing" evening class has been suspended while the tutor is on maternity leave but we hope to restart next January.

Planning for Autumn classes starts soon and I would welcome suggestions from local residents on courses to run in the village. The courses are organised by Wreake Valley Community College and will be advertised in the brochure due out in August.

Computer classes in small, friendly groups continue at Sileby Youth Club. Designed for the complete beginner these will suit even those people terrified by the idea of computers! Contact (0116) 260 0071 for details of next courses.

Some five "Bite Size" courses on arts and crafts, computers and improving your spelling are planned for mid June. Look out for details in your local free paper. For more information about any of the learning opportunities do contact me on (0116) 260 0071.

*Yvonne Casswell*

will include soaps, scented perfumes and essential oils. I have considerable experience in aromatherapy, having successfully completed a recognised course. One extraordinary lady is preparing hand made cards for all occasions.

Finally, we are looking out for a talented potter who can provide what we and the community requires.

*Victoria Helen Jackson*

## **Redlands Family Fun Day**

**6th July from 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm**

***Car Boot, Childrens Rides, Raffle,  
Many Games, Syston Brass Band***

If you need any more information ring the school or:

*Linda Capenhurst on (01509) 812902*

## **Forthcoming events**

### **JUNE**

- Sun 2nd 'Picnic on the Park' Memorial park at 1.00 pm  
(please bring own food and drink)
- Sat 8th Scout Groups Summer Fair, Redlands Field  
1.00 pm - 4.00 pm – (Groups 50th Anniversary)
- Sat 8th Summer Ball – (Look at posters for details)
- Sat 29th Friends of St. Marys 'HOG ROAST' from 7.30 pm

### **JULY**

- Sat 6th Redlands Family Fun Day. 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

### **SEPTEMBER**

- Fri 6 th }  
Sat 7 th } Friends of St.Marys – CHURCH FESTIVAL  
Sun 8 th }

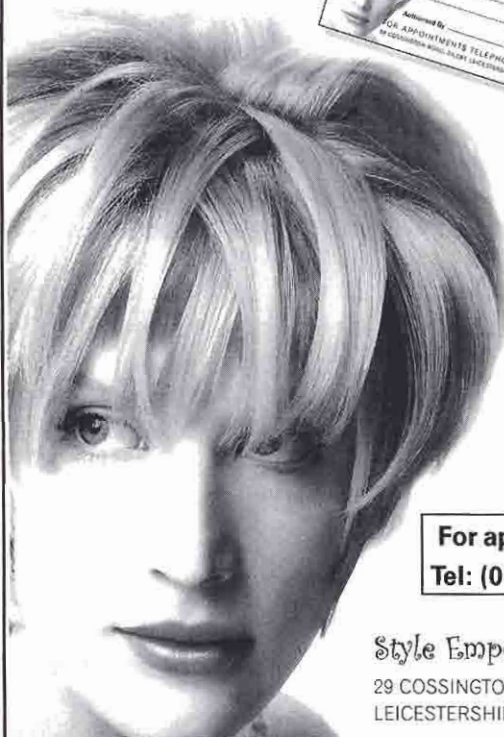
## **Highgate Surgery**

If you intend to travel abroad this Summer, please consult your surgery regarding any vaccinations you may require at least 4 weeks before travelling. Your practice nurse can offer useful health advice on all aspects for a safe and happy holiday.

*Sally Lamb – Practice Nurse*

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## Thankyou

To Sileby & District Christian Council of Churches for their donation of £45.

## Apologies

To John Whittington. Pastor of the Baptist Church should have read Paul Holt.

## Sileby Gardening Gnomes

(The villages new gardening club. Like the name!)

Meet Conservative Club in the upstairs room

Wednesday June 12th

Wednesday July 10th

Wednesday August 14th

Meet at 8.00pm. Speakers to be notified.

## Friends of St Mary's

### “How much do you value your local Church?”

This was the question asked when the Friends of St Mary's went 'public' last year. This was a pamphlet issue to every household in the village. As a result of this the current membership of the Friends stands at 72 families and individuals. To these people, we are extremely thankful for their support, and so is the Church.

The aims of the Friends is to raise awareness of the significance of St Mary's Church and to provide funds to help maintain it. This is taken forward through regular and planned social events, Church open days, publications, etc.. The Friends do not raise funds to support the Church ministry, which is the job of the Church Council.

The facts are simple, we need to raise in excess of £100,000 for extensive repairs to the essential fundamentals of the roof, tower and electrics of the Church.

What is so special about Sileby Parish Church that we should want to save it from further decay. Well, this year it will celebrate its 850th birthday; believe it or not it predates the Horse and Trumpet pub, and the horrendous road junction just outside its main gates; it is a Grade II listed building, and only 4% of listed buildings in the country are Grade II status which means it is of very significant interest; the roof dates back to the 15th century with carved angels

# Inspirations

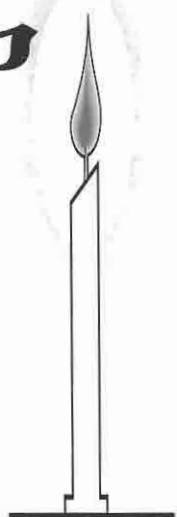
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and roof bosses, with a very fine pinnacled tower, it is a very good example of medieval art; we want future generations of Sibley to have the continued use of the building and to conserve the Church as a functioning and relevant part of the local community life.

Our programme of events for 2002 have already begun; we will have enjoyed the 'Old Sibley Slide Show', a Friends Garden Party, and a Jubilee trip to Greenwich; a 'Hog Roast' is to take place on Saturday 29th June; the Church Festival, will be focusing on its 850th birthday over the weekend of 6th, 7th, and 8th September; still in the pipeline are a skittles evening, safari supper, wine tasting demonstration, and choral concert.

To achieve our target we need more active support for our events and funds; to have some fun whilst, hopefully, preserving the Church for generations to come.

For further information on the Friends of St Mary's, please contact either Iris Stevens (01509) 813986 or John Burton (01509) 815525.

## Review

Pop goes the Century, an intriguing title for a hundred songs in a hundred minutes from a hundred years.

A lively, humorous and witty show by three talented performers –

**Dave Sealey** on guitar

**Andrew Frank**, actor singer and dancer

**George Hinchliffe** keyboard and ukulele player

The songs flew back and forth through the last century, linked by themes of romance, love, transport, poverty and the depression of the 1930's, war songs and comic songs. Sung in styles ranging from Fats Waller, Frank Sinatra to Sting – We even had a touch of the Fred Astaire's via Barber Shop singers to the Spice Girls.

Yesterday, September Song, As time goes by, were chosen as their all time favourites.

Did they achieve their goal of a hundred songs in a hundred minutes – NO – but as the man said "they never do" (Took an extra five minutes or so!).

No one in the audience cared as we had sung along with them, laughed with them and remembered with them and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

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Dancing 4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.  
Mrs D E Callis, 1 Wilmington Court,  
Loughborough  
Telephone (01509) 236005  
Badminton 8.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.  
Mrs D Ferrin, 18 Stafford Acre, Kegworth  
Telephone (01509) 674902
- Tuesday** Peter Pan Playgroup – Morning  
G P Referral Exercise Class for over 50's  
Miss Z Dawson, Charnwood Borough Council  
Southfields, Loughborough  
Telephone (01509) 634836  
Badminton 8.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.  
Mr H Mason, 135 Homefield Road, Sileby, LE12 7TG  
Telephone (01509) 812700
- Wednesday** Peter Pan Playgroup – Morning  
Dancing 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. – Mrs D E Callis  
TaeKwando Alex Andrews, 50 Mowbray Drive,  
System LE7 2EU Telephone (07764) 756336  
Badminton 8.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. Mrs P Spencer,  
163 Homefield Road, Sileby LE 12 7TG  
Telephone (01509) 812112
- Thursday** Peter Pan Playgroup – Morning  
Dancing 4.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. – Mrs D E Callis  
Badminton 8.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.  
Mrs L Roote, 18 Finsbury Avenue, Sileby  
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- Friday** Peter Pan Playgroup - Morning  
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## Anthology of poems

Our thanks to Highgate Primary School, years 5 and 6, for their anthology of poems.

All of them so very good that more will follow in future issues.

### **kennings Sea**

Wave – Crasher

Blue – Dasher

Night – Glistener

Day – Whistler

Human – Snatcher

People – Catcher

Noisy – Tapper

Fish – Lapper

Deep – Spinner

Fish – Dinner

Noisy – Howler

Quiet – Prowler

Dangerous – Trapper

Night – Napper

Shell – Collector

Moon - Reflector

*By Charlotte Cooke*

### **I Met at Eve**

I met at eve the devil of night  
His meek and evil face flickers  
Sliding through the ocean base,  
Peaceful though in the grasp of death.

His top was made of coral rock,  
Upon his leg seaweed hung.  
Enveloping his soaked stilts,  
His nails withstood the gale.

The devil comes and he tortures you,  
Running through a silent wood.  
Never look, hear or see,  
The devil of the night.

I met at eve the devil of the night,  
His meek and evil face flickers.  
Sliding through an ocean base,  
Peaceful though in the grasp of death

*By Matthew Way*

# Sileby Parish Council

## ARE YOU A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER?

### Health Hazard:

Dog Fouling is a health hazard and faeces can contain 'Toxocara' which may cause eye, liver, brain and respiratory problems such as asthma, hepatitis and epilepsy.

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**Training your dog:** Your dog can be trained to relieve itself on command. More information on toilet training your pet is available from Charnwood Borough Council.

### **IT IS AN OFFENCE NOT TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG**

**Fixed Penalty – £25.00      MAXIMUM PENALTY – £1000.00**

So come on, be fair to everyone, become a responsible dog owner and clean up after your dog, whether it be on pavements, roadways, grass verges, alleyways, parks, in fact anywhere with public access.

**IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS ALLOWING THEIR DOG TO FOUL YOU CAN RING (01509) 63428 AND REPORT TO THE DOG WARDEN.**

### **COST OF VANDALISM ON AREAS UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL FOR MID MARCH TO END OF APRIL 2002**

The costs for vandalism in Sileby is paid from the Parish Council Budget which is part of the Council Tax charges. Therefore everyone in Sileby who pays Council Tax pays for the vandalism.

**COST FOR THE ABOVE PERIOD – £400.00**

### **INFORMAL QUESTION TIME**

Councillors are available to parishioners for consultation on parish matters from 7.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, prior to the Full Parish Council Meeting, at Sileby Community Centre.

## Parish Walks 2002 (15th YEAR)

All walks start at Sileby Community Centre at 7.00 pm

Led by Beverly and John Burton.

Tuesday 18th June	Memorial Park, Seagrave, Park Hill, Padge Hall Ratcliffe College, Ratcliffe Road – 5 miles
Tuesday 16th July	Cossington Road, Polly Peggs, River Wreake, Old Junction Lock, Cossington Mill, Bramble & Briers, Sileby Mill – 5 miles
Tuesday 20th August	Sileby Mill, Mountsorrel Hills, Mountsorrel Lock, River Soar, Barrow Road – 3½ miles
Wednesday 1st January 2003	New Years. Day Ramble.

Suitable footwear should be worn. Please observe the Country Code at all times. All persons taking part in these walks must understand that they do so at their own risk, and the Council cannot accept liability for any injuries however caused.

## Sileby Town Cricket Club

### First XI Fixtures 2002

01/06/2002	Earl Shilton	Away	Division One
08/06/2002	Barrow Town	Away	Division One
15/06/2002	Kegworth	HOME	Division One
22/06/2002	Bardon Hill	Away	Division One
29/06/2002	Newtown Linford	HOME	Division One
06/07/2002	Bitteswell	Away	Division One
13/07/2002	Loughborough		
	Greenfields	Away	Division One
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07/09/2002	Newtown Linford	Away	Division One
14/09/2002	Bitteswell	HOME	Division One

## STOP PRESS . . .

New Village sign to be unveiled during Jubilee Week.

Jubilee Garden Competition – July. Judging of front and rear gardens. See posters for details.

Recommended Website: [www.Friendsreunited.co.uk](http://www.Friendsreunited.co.uk)



Edward Thompson, who gained the highest award in the St. John Ambulance Brigades Cadet Section, The Grand Prior. Edward, middle of picture, marching through London on his way to be presented to The Princess Royal. Congratulations!

## The Role & Responsibilities of the Parish Council

Sibley Parish Council is made up of 15 Councillors, 7 for St Mary's Ward and 8 for St Gregory's Ward. The Parish Year begins in May when the Chairman of the Council is elected. Councillor Mrs Betty Crick is the Chairman for 2001 / 2002. The Financial Year runs from 1st April to 31st March.



The Full Parish Council Meeting is held on the third Thursday of each month at Sileby Community Centre, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Councillors are available from 7.00 p.m. for informal public questions. There are also committees - Parks, Community Centre, Policy, Planning, which meet on the 4th Thursday of each month commencing 7.30 p.m. at Sileby Community Centre and General Purposes and Planning, which meet on the 1st Thursday of each month commencing at 7.30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public but no public speaking time is allowed, except at the discretion of the Chairman of the relevant meeting.

Sileby Parish Council is responsible for Sileby Memorial Park, Sileby Cemetery, Martins Walk and Sileby Community Centre. Play areas at Greedon Rise, Flaxland Crescent and Wallace Drive are leased from Charnwood Borough Council. Sileby Parish Council employs a grounds maintenance contractor to maintain all areas. Also employed are a part-time Cemetery Keeper, a handy person who picks up litter and keeps in a tidy condition the Memorial Park, the Pinfold and some footpaths within the village as well as general maintenance work to Council property and a cleaner for Sileby Community Centre. Bookings for Sileby Community Centre are made by the Clerk (01509) 813075.

Sileby Parish Council reports to Leicestershire County Council highway problems, street lighting problems and public footpath problems. Problems regarding the car park and toilets and Sileby Brook, through the village to Dudley Bridge are reported to Charnwood Borough Council.

Sileby Parish Council is consulted on all planning applications which affect the village, by Charnwood Borough Council, who are the planning authority and make the decisions on planning applications for the whole borough. The Parish Council is also consulted by other agencies who may be undertaking work in the village.

Sileby Parish Council is purchasing official medals for the Queen's Golden Jubilee. These will be presented to residents who have made a contribution to the village. The Parish Council would welcome names put forward for consideration. They will also be available to any child born to parents residing in Sileby in 2002, names to be submitted to Clerk (01509) 813075.

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It runs through the Winter months October to March in various hostelries in the village, on the first Monday of each month. It is based on teams of four people and the questions are the same at each venue.

Teams are awarded points depending on their position at the end of the night and these are then amalgamated into a league table.

At the end of the season all teams congregate for a Finals Night in April, when trophies and prizes are presented to winning teams. There is also a Finals Night written quiz for which there are also trophies and prizes.

Over the past few years support for league has dwindled, so we are asking people to come forward and enter a team. It's amazing what you know when you get the grey cells working and anyone who has competed in the league will tell you that they have a great time.

Anyone who thinks they can enter a team or wants specific details on how the whole thing works can contact me on the following telephone number:

*Clive Harrison (01509) 812926*

## Strictly for adults

For the person who has everything, for someone special or for a treat for yourself.

1. Place some glace cherries in a jar and cover with Brandy.
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jar and drop into the chocolate, with another teaspoon coat the cherry with chocolate and lift it out onto either foil or Bakewell parchment. Swirl a tiny amount of chocolate on top to give a professional look. Dip the remaining cherries in chocolate. Use a clean basin to melt more chocolate if required. Leave chocolates to set overnight and place in paper or foil sweet cases. They can then be put in a container or placed on a doily on a paper plate and covered with clingfilm and decorated with ribbon and gift card. More cherries can be put into the liquid in the jar if desired and topped up with Brandy. When this batch is removed discard the liquid (there will not be a shortage of volunteers to sample this brew) and start a new batch with fresh Brandy.

For a non alcoholic version just dip glace cherries in melted chocolate.

*Lesley Reeves*

## **I Remember**

I remember when people cared  
With doors unlocked and problems shared  
Where people most in need  
Would get the help we all accede

I remember brave men to war they went  
Mourned by all if life was spent  
In those days of respect for all  
Seldom did these standards fall

I remember discipline freely given  
By Sergeant Leyland\* and Mr Severn\$  
No vandals, graffiti or drugs  
No harassment from teenage thugs

I remember no fear to meet  
A stranger in the unlit street  
When mother without dread could say  
Off you go outside to play

I remember ration books  
Hand me down and expert cooks  
Who's recipes we failed to save  
When we got the microwave

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I remember shops with ringing tills  
Wealth from shoeing and Melody Mills  
Evenings at the cinema and Unity Hall  
The village hop and the civic ball

I remember Sileby Parade and honest toil  
That sponsored a bed in Leicester Royal  
Led by a band with drummers in line  
I remember I was proud of this village of mine

*Ken Jones*

*\*Sergeant Leyland – Village policeman – § Mr Severn – Head Master.*

## **Bussed !**

A fantasy born of long rides  
when the mind begins to drift . . .

HELP! We're held captive! In a disused engine shed !

"Loughborough, return." I said, hopefully.

"Not TODAY." He replied, menacingly.

I settle for a single, the first seed of unease sown in my mind!

As usual, we tour Goscote, Cossington and loop around Sileby.

Then, OFF ROUTE . . . Instead of Barrow Road, he turns left, back down High Street, Cossington Road (B5328 for the cognoscenti), towards the village of the same name. Passengers mutter amongst themselves, their consternation gradually building to the point where our self-elected spokesperson says "Where are you going, mate?"

No reply. Just a hunched figure over his wheel. With a flick of a dashboard switch, the internal lights go out. Passenger murmuring reaches a crescendo. Alarmed faces pressed against the PSV safety glass, peering into the dark morning as we hurtle over the bridge and past the Gate Hangs Well (and Hinders None).

And then left through no more than a gap in the hedge and into . . . THE SYSTON TRIANGLE ! (it makes people disappear).

It's the only way THEY can cancel it – hijack the passengers and say "There's no demand for that route."

HELP! HELP!

*Dave Cannon*

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