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To book your own dinner party in our function room or to enquire about any event telephone 01509 815670 or contact us through our website on www.meadow-viewfarm.co.uk

Forward

Dear Friends

One of my favourite comedians is Eddie Izzard. In one of his sketches he asks the questions what Easter eggs have to do with Easter. I looked this up on the internet and the giving of real eggs is a custom dating back over 2000 years.

To the ancient Chinese, Greeks and Persians, the egg was a symbol of new life. To the early Christians the egg seemed a fitting symbol of Christ's resurrection of the tomb. It was only in 1875 when Cadbury's produced their first chocolate egg.

Easter is of course a very busy time but also a very important time in the life of the Christian Church. We have four main festivals within eight days, going from the excitement of Palm Sunday, through the peace of Maundy Thursday and to the pain of Good Friday and the ending with the joy of Easter Day itself.

On Palm Sunday, in Jerusalem, the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey is acted out. People shouted out 'Hosanna', 'save us and help us.' They still shout out today and we still share their hope for change.

On Maundy Thursday Jesus shared the first Communion with his disciples. 'This is my body- given for you' he said.

Then there is Good Friday, when we remember the horrific death which Jesus encountered. This day can stir many emotions within us. But we hear the words of Jesus, 'Father, forgive'. Finally we reach Easter Day, and amid the chocolate eggs, we rejoice and celebrate in the risen Jesus.

All these events yes happened 2000 years ago, but are still relevant for all of us today.

I ask that, as you read this letter you would consider exploring for yourself what all of this means for you, today. In this edition of Talk at Sileby you will find details of all the services within the churches from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday and a warm invitation is offered to **you**.

A very Happy Easter to you

Jane Carter
Methodist Minister for Sileby



Neighbourhood Watch

Sileby now has a new Neighbourhood Watch manager, Mrs Mel Fryer has taken on the job of organising monthly meetings which take place on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the Community Centre (Primary Room) from 7.30pm. New

members are welcome to attend.

For information please contact Leicestershire Police on 0116 222 2222.

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EVENTS AT SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Sileby Heritage Exhibition – 29th April 06

ANNUAL SWITCHING ON OF THE FESTIVE LIGHTS

The event was held on 2nd December 05. The event was again very successful and popular this year. Over £1911 was raised for local charities on this occasion.

The Parish Council would like your views on the event. Please write, telephone or fill in the form on our website.

DOG FOULING – SILEBY MEMORIAL PARK

The situation since last autumn has become intolerable and, following numerous complaints, the Parish Council has decided on a number of measures.

The vast majority of dog owners pick up their pets droppings and either take them home or place them in the bins provided in the park. However, as with speeding, illegal parking and anti-social behaviour, dog fouling is down to a minority of villagers who, for whatever reason, feel they are ‘above the law’. The law of the land states dog fouling is an offence; if not picked up, on the spot tickets can be issued with a fixed penalty of £50. If taken to court there is a maximum fine of £1000. A dog warden will be employed to carry out these duties and evidence is being gathered to make sure offenders are identified and punished.

The Memorial Park is a pleasant place for all to enjoy and as spring is just around the corner more young children and parents will be using the Park. They should be allowed to use the facilities without being on the look out for dog mess everywhere. Eight children died in the UK last year having been in contact with dog faeces.

As responsible villagers if you see anyone who does not clear up after their

dog, tell them what the possible consequences might be, 1. All dogs must be on a lead or 2. NO dogs allowed in the park at any time.
The drive to clean up the park will extend by way of our Community Support Officer and Dog Warden onto the pavements in the village, many of which are also fouled. The time has come to name and shame; there have already been enough pleasant requests which have fallen on deaf ears.
Remember Talk @ Sileby, issue 13, summer 2005, page 8.

REFURBISHMENT OF SILEBY WAR MEMORIAL

Refurbishment of the War Memorial will take place during this year.

LEICESTERSHIRE TREE WARDEN SCHEME

Leicestershire County Council is currently on a recruitment drive to extend the scheme. At present there is no Tree Warden for Sileby. Tree Wardens can provide an extremely valuable service to the local community by protecting the County's natural heritage.

If you are interested in becoming the Tree Warden for Sileby, please contact Sileby Parish Council for further information.

COST OF VANDALISM/ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON AREAS UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL **OCTOBER 05 – FEBRUARY 06**

The cost of vandalism/anti social behaviour is paid from the Parish Council Budget which is part of the Council Tax charges. Everyone in Sileby paying Council Tax pays for vandalism.

Memorial Park

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It was built during the 1870s by the Sharpe family as a brewery to supply their chain of 15 pubs and 20 off-licenses in the region. They became famed for their Sibley Stout. The depression of the 1920 saw the demise of the family business and it was sold to Strettons, part of the Guinness Group. After this the building was then used by Plunketts (another Guinness business) for grain drying until they

sold it in 1971. The new owners gave the building its Maltings name and converted it into the small industrial units that have survived until recently. The current plans for the premises include new retail units fronting High Street and the conversion of the brewery into 33 new homes.

Do you have nay memories of the Maltings during any of its previous uses? If you would like to share these with the rest of the community please get in touch and we will publish them in the next issue of the magazine.

Squeals on Wheels



Squeals on Wheels Mother and Toddler Group meet on Thursday mornings in the Pochin Hall, Mountsorrel Lane, during school term time from 9.30 till 11.30am. We hope to see toddlers come and enjoy some play while Mums and Dads enjoy a coffee and chat. The cost is just 50p per family

For information contact Pam Lovett on 813808 or Marion Elliot on 812889.

Calling all Child minders, child care providers and anybody who organisers children's activities. In the next issue we would like to publish a list of such groups. If you would like to be included then please get in touch with your details by the 7th May 2006.

NEWS FROM HIGHGATE MEDICAL CENTRE

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e are pleased to bring you a brief update on the news from Highgate Medical Centre. Dr Mayur Lakhani continues in his post as Chairman of The Royal College of General Practitioners. This involves him working in London for several days each week, leading to him currently working only part-time in the practice. This post continues until winter 2007 when he will once again be able to devote more time to the practice.

Meanwhile, we have been joined by Dr Susan Cullis, who is with us four days per week. Dr Cullis is an experienced GP who has worked in another local practice for 18 years. She has recently completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Education and has become a GP Trainer. We are also joined by Dr Vipul Ravji, who is with us one day per week.

Our team of nurses, Jean and Martha, continue to look after all aspects of ongoing healthcare and minor illnesses and are also able to offer advice on travel immunisations. Jean is a specialist minor illness nurse and also has a special interest in Diabetes and Respiratory Medicine. Martha has recently completed Diplomas in Coronary Heart Disease and Breast and Cervical Screening.

We continue to be supported by Liz, our Healthcare Assistant, Pat the Health Visitor, Midwives, District Nurses and all the enthusiastic members of the administrative and reception team.

The practice has achieved highly on points awarded for quality of service under the new GP contract and the results of recent patient satisfaction surveys were also very positive. As a result of the survey, we have recently extended the surgery opening hours and we are continuing to develop and extend our services to patients.

Appointments are available each day, either for advance booking or same day appointments. When requesting a same day appointment you may be asked to discuss your problem with Jean in order to offer you the most appropriate appointment. Requests for same day appointments should be made as early as possible in the day.

We have an active Patient Participation Group and are always interested to hear your views on the services we offer. We would encourage you to join

this group or make your views known to them. For details please contact Reception.

We continue to welcome new patients from the practice area, this includes the villages of Sileby, Barrow—upon—Soar, Cossington, Ratcliffe—on—the—Wreake, Seagrave and Rothley.

As a small and friendly team, our aim is to continue to offer you a high quality, personal but modern service with continuity of care. We would welcome your comments and suggestions.

BANKS SURGERY

A small number of people from the Village have joined together to form a support group (Friends of Banks Surgery) in an effort to obtain even better medical help for those who attend the Surgery.

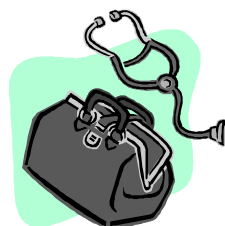
I have lived in Sileby all my life and seen many changes (sadly not all for the good) and I, like most, have moaned when the service wasn't as good as I thought it should have been, so when I was told about the formation of this group I saw it as an opportunity to stop moaning and do something to help improve the facilities for patient care in the village.

One of our objectives is to raise money for specialist equipment not normally available to local practices on the NHS. The more specialist equipment we can purchase the more procedures can be carried out at the Surgery thus saving peoples' time and money visiting local Hospitals. We are currently hoping to raise enough money to buy an OXIMETER which monitors the levels of oxygen in the blood.

We are looking to raise the money by running quizzes, race nights etc. These events will be advertised both in the surgery and in the press, so please keep an eye out for them. Your help and support would be much appreciated.

A meeting of the group is held once a month at the Banks Surgery on a Thursday afternoon at 2.15pm and lasts about an hour. If you want to see the services at the Surgery extend and improve then come along and join us. Your help and input could help us to achieve this.

Thanks
Pete Wells



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The deliveries are made at a convenient time normally a Friday (including evenings) directly to you. All boxes are carried to where you want them so you don't need to be lifting heavy vegetables. If these times are not convenient then the box can be left in a mutually agreed place.

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LOCAL CHARITY HOPES TO HIT JACKPOT WITH APPEAL

RAINBOWS SEARCHING FOR CANVASSERS TO HELP PROMOTE LOTTERY DRAW

East Midlands' charity Rainbow Children's Hospice is appealing for part-time canvassers from across Leicestershire to join its Lottery team and help promote the Hospice's weekly Lottery draw.

"Canvassing offers the chance to earn an extra income, the flexibility to control your own working hours, and the opportunity to make a personal and valuable contribution to the fundraising efforts of the Hospice" said Rowan MacMillan, Rainbows Lottery Sales Executive. "Without the support of local people, who go out into the community to recruit new players, the Lottery would not be as successful as it is today."

More than 3,000 people across the East Midlands now play the Rainbows Lottery each week.

The Lottery, which costs £1 a week to play, gives players the chance to win a jackpot of £1,000 and other cash prizes.

Launched in 2004, the Rainbows Lottery provides a vital fundraising contribution to the Hospice.

"The money raised from the Lottery helps to support the running costs of the Hospice and ensures that we can continue to support the children and families who rely on the valuable care that Rainbows provides" she added.

Anyone wishing to become a Rainbows Lottery canvasser should contact Rowan MacMillan on 01509 638008. For more information on how to play the Rainbows Lottery, call the Lottery Hotline on 0870 3300219 or visit www.rainbows.co.uk.

Rainbow's Children Hospice provides respite, palliative and terminal care to families from across the East Midlands who have a child with a life-limiting illness. The Charity receives less than 6% statutory funding and relies on donations to raise the £1.8 million that it needs to run the hospice.

Each weekly entry costs just £1. Players are allocated a unique 5-digit number, which remains theirs for as long as they wish to keep playing. Every Friday, the lucky winners are selected at random. Prize cheques are issued automatically and posted to arrive the following week, so there is no need for players to claim. Players must be aged 16 or over.

For further information on The Rainbows Lottery, please visit www.rainbows.co.uk.

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Easter Greetings from the Christian Churches of Sileby, Cossington and Seagrave.

St Mary's Sileby, All Saints Cossington and All Saints Seagrave

Palm Sunday 9th April 2006

9.00 am	Morning Worship	St. Mary's
10.30am	All Age Holy Communion	Cossington
6.30 pm	Evening Holy Communion	St. Mary's
6.30pm	Evening Services at Cossington and Seagrave	

Maundy Thursday 13th April 2006

7.30pm	Holy Communion	Cossington
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Good Friday 14th April 2006

10.30 am	Council of Churches United Service at St. Mary's	
	Followed by Walk of Witness 11.15am	
	Leading to Hunger Lunch	12.15pm at St. Gregory's Church

Hall

2pm – 3pm	Quiet Hour	St. Mary's
7.30pm	Service of Meditation at the Cross	Seagrave

Easter Day, Sunday 16th April 2006

9.00am	Easter Day Communion	Seagrave
9.00am	Easter Day Morning Worship	Cossington
10.30am	All Age Easter Holy Communion	St. Mary's
6.30pm	Easter Praise	St. Mary's
6.30pm	Easter Songs of Praise	Seagrave

Baptist church

Palm Sunday 9th April 2006

10.30am	Palm Sunday Service
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Easter Day, Sunday 16th April 2006

10.30am	Resurrection Celebration
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Methodist Church

Palm Sunday, 9th April 2006

9.15am Arise

10.45am Palm Sunday Service

Monday 10th April 2006

10.30am Communion Service

Maundy Thursday, 13th April 2006

7.30pm United Service at Wymeswold

Good Friday, 14th April 2006

10.30 am Council of Churches United Service at St. Mary's

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Easter Day, Sunday 16th April 2006

9.15am Arise

10.45am Easter Communion Service

St Gregory's RC Church

Palm Sunday, 9th April 2006

9.00am Procession & Mass Sileby

11.00am Procession & Mass Syston

Maundy Thursday, 13th April 2006

7.30pm Mass Syston

Good Friday, 14th April 2006

3.00pm Liturgy

7.30pm Stations of the Cross Sileby

Saturday 15th April 2006

8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass Sileby

Easter Day, Sunday 16th April 2006

9.00am Mass Sileby

11.00am Mass Syston

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Car Crime in Sileby

A car can often be our pride and joy and if damaged, stolen or broken into can cause much inconvenience, worry and anger that someone out there has had the nerve to inflict these things on us.

Within Sileby in the past year there were 27 Motor vehicles (this includes Motorbikes) that were reported stolen and 28 vehicles that were broken into with items stolen.

Too often it has been made easy for the thief if the owner has left the vehicle unsecured and left valuable items on display like Mobile phones, Cameras, Briefcases, Handbags and Wallets. A car door may be locked but it takes just a second to break the glass and the thief will be away.

In the Borough Council Car park to the rear of Tesco Express can be seen Yellow Police notices to remind vehicle owners to lock car doors and keep their valuables out of sight, but it is better not to leave them there if this is at all possible.

The Golden rules to outwit the thief:

1: Always keep your car locked. This includes closing the sunroof and windows, even if you only leave it for a few seconds. That's all it takes for a criminal to steal your car or belongings.

2: Don't leave anything in your car, particularly when it's parked overnight.

3: Park with care. Park in busy or well-lit areas near CCTV cameras or in police-approved car parks (look for 'ParkMarkTM' on signs) if possible.

4: Always chain bikes, motorbikes and scooters to something fixed like security rails and ground anchors.

5: Never leave the keys in the ignition, not even in a garage when paying for petrol.

6: Don't leave anything on display (even when you are parked in your driveway). That includes a jacket on the back seat, loose change in the ashtray, a chequebook in the glove compartment or mail with your address on it under the seat. Remember: thieves know all usual hiding places.

7: Have your car's registration number etched onto all glass surfaces, including the windscreen and headlamps.

8: When you're driving, keep doors locked and windows up, especially in slow traffic. Keep bags and mobile phones out of view. A thief can lean in and steal what's on your passenger seat in the time it takes for a red light to turn green.

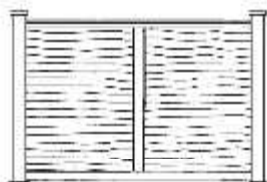
9: If you're leaving your car, put your shopping or anything else in the boot if you can't take it with you.

Lets all help to keep Sileby as car crime free as possible, the roads safe and congestion to a minimum by adhering to all the NO WAITING regulations in force. Thank You,

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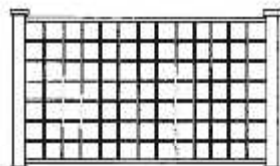
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Dear Sir,

I have recently received a copy of 'Talk @ Sibley'. I offer some feedback and hope that its critical flavour is read constructively.

The choice of paper, lay-out and general production are commendable and attractive. However, the grammar and syntax used, severely detract from the obvious effort put into producing the issue, which must in some way reflect adversely on the editorial staff or confirm the reader in the lack of knowledge of his/her native language.

In general the articles are of absorbing interest to a small number of enthusiasts. I do feel, however, that the use of correct English will, in some small way, help to correct a distinct lack of tutelage.

Yours sincerely, B. Sherratt, Barrow Road.

Editors reply. I would like to thank Mr Sherratt for his comments, and he will be pleased to note that this issue is being checked for grammar by a graduate in English. We endeavour to publish articles from any source with as little editorial interference as

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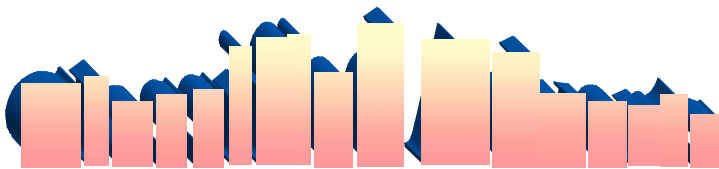
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From this edition we start a new service for Sileby, free classified advertisements for private sales. So if you want to sell, buy or swap any item, small or large then get in touch and we will advertise it here for you.

To start the process here a few items from the editors household.

Moses Basket. White lace. Complete with mattress, bedding and stand. £15.

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Just for Fun

No prizes but can you identify the location of these photo's?
Answers on page 27.



MR SMITH GOES WALKING

This diary was written during 1979 – 1981, it records the local walks every Sunday (weather permitting!) of Horace Smith. Horace was in his 80's at this time, having been born in 1897. He was Sibleby born & bred, seemingly living in the Cemetery Road and Ratcliffe Road area. If there is anyone who remembers Horace then I would love to hear from you.

Pete Campbell

SUNDAY JANUARY 27TH 1980

No walk for me today as I have a cold, although not a bad morning for the time of year – cold but fine with some sunshine. I felt my cold would be better sooner by staying in. I easily pass away the time as I have my “Observer” now enormous in size, and with magazine: truly now the “expanding Observer”, as it says – now over a million circulation.

First into the front room where I enjoy a doze in the afternoon: paraffin heater in the living room in the evening and also my Aladdin lamp going, quite warm enough. Paraffin now costs £4.00 for 5 gallons – 10p (2s) a pint. No trouble in paying for it however as I have 2 pension books (as Jim used to say). Some interesting points in gardening articles about Candlemas (Candlemas day is Feb 2nd) linked with the ceremony of the purification of the Virgin Mary, and is supposed to coincide with the flowering of the snowdrop. Years ago it was customary to remove images of the virgin from altars on that day (Feb 2nd) and fill the niches with snowdrops. There are many legends about the sort of weather on this day. There is one that has often been proved correct.

“If Candlemas day be sunny & bright, winter will have another flight,
But if Candlemas day be cloudy with rain, winter is good and will not come again so lets hope for a mild rainy day on February 2nd,”

SUNDAY FEBUARY 3rd 1980

Candlemas day was “cloudy with rain” and to today also, so lets hope winter “will not come again”. However, there has been snow in the north and more predicted on high ground. Damp & cold morning so decided to stay in again for another Sunday, as my cold is not yet better. Dress as usual and have pre-walk drinks, as it wouldn't seem like Sunday without. Just finished my “Observer ritual” (I have to be selective as the paper is so big).

As it is about an hour to Sunday half-hour I will put down a few philosophical thoughts – as they occur. A better writer wrote four things, which cannot be re-called.

I.e. The spoken word

The sped arrow

Time past

And A missed opportunity

Now there is only one of these that has any significance – the spoken word. A non-thinking person says something and perhaps regrets this utterance all his life. Now a little thought might have helped him to see this “word dropping” in a different light.

He need not be a “determinist” to see these words he regrets might help him in the future in “holding back” and dismissing from his mind worse utterances bringing more regrets.

History Exhibition

On 29th April 2006, Eric Wheeler and Pete Campbell (Sileby Heritage wardens) are putting on a local history exhibition at Sileby Community Centre.

The exhibition will track Sileby's progress from the late Victorian period through to the 1970's. It will be a co-ordinated set of exhibits charting areas such as local industry (hosiery, brick making, shoes, brewing etc), social events (gala's, parades, bands, celebrations), as well as the popular street views (many never seen before) and ephemera. There will be many artefacts on show pertaining to the village and also an ongoing soundtrack of personal memories and dialect... something for all.

The exhibition will take place between 9.30am and 4.30pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be on sale.

At this stage we are appealing for information and in particular photographs of Sileby events, industrial scenes or anything of interest.

Many people have promised material but as yet this has not been forthcoming. We usually scan photographs and can hand them back within an hour or two of lending them.

To make this event a success we need material to come forward, so can you please ask around for photographs, old papers -indeed, anything to do with the village.

Contacts Peter Campbell on 01509 814618 or Eric Wheeler on 01509 815294. Alternatively, e-mail at silebyhistory@aol.com

Looking Back

Recent building work on the old video shop on the corner of Swan Street and King Street revealed a previous identity, I am sure many readers will remember the Co-op store being in this location.



Two photos one from the 1980s and the other present day, of a house that stood at the corner of duck paddle.



Photos: Roy Fowler



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Listening in Charnwood...The Citizen's Panel

What is the Citizen's Panel?

The Charnwood Citizen's Panel - which has been running since 1999 – is about people like you. It is made up of residents of Charnwood who want to have a say in the way the Council provides its services.

The Council gathers together the views and ideas of panel members through questionnaires and discussion groups on a wide variety of topics affecting the business of the Council and the quality of life for every resident in the Borough.

Past issues that have been tackled include *Crime and Disorder; Recycling and Parks & Open Spaces; Council Priorities and Customer Satisfaction*.

The members of the panel are all volunteers who have been selected to ensure that as far as possible the panel is representative of every part of the community.

Presently there are 780 members on the panel but we are aiming for a minimum of 1000 and are always looking for residents to join the panel so that they can express their views and help us to make a difference in Charnwood.

We would like you to join! If you are not sure if this is for you we have asked some of our current members to tell you about themselves and why they joined the panel.

If you would like to have your say and become a member of the panel please ring Helen Clarke on 01509 634989 or e-mail

helen.clarke@charnwood.gov.uk to request an application form. Alternatively, you can complete a form online at:

www.charnwood.gov.uk/democracy/haveyoursay.html



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Blue Wave Martial Arts

Blue Wave Martial Arts student Kieren Radley was recently presented with his black belt in the Korean art of Taekwon-do after a gruelling two and a half hour practical test of his skills and an hour long written exam. Kieren has been training in Taekwon-do for five years and his determination and dedication has paid off. His instructor Mr. Andrews said "I am extremely proud of Kieren's achievement which can be attributed to his desire to succeed and his unquestionable martial skills, but I am sure that he understands that this is just the beginning of a new journey." Kieren, who lives in East Goscote, trains at Blue Wave's Sileby, Wymeswold and Rearsby clubs and will now continue his training towards his second Dan and beyond.

WELL DONE!



Answer to quiz on page 21. Both are St. Mary's church. Left photo is the entrance from Mountsorrel Lane, the right is the light over the main porch entrance.



Web News.

This edition I give you a few web sites that may be of interest. Leicestershire Country Council now has live video feeds of its full council meetings. Achieves are available if you have missed a live broadcast. Visit www.leics.gov.uk for details.

If you would like to learn how to make a website, to show off to your friends, or want some tips on how to make a better website - Become a pro webmaster literally TODAY by visiting the a-2z.com webmaster talk forums, you can get a free domain name (Web Address - usually £21) just by posting on the forums!

For the Genealogists' amongst us then www.ancestry.co.uk is a good place to start a search. Currently there is free access to the birth, deaths and marriages index's as well as all UK census data (subscription required).

For local Sileby census then you can see these on www.sileby-village.co.uk.

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