

talk @ Sileby

Village Newsletter

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Forward

Here we are in the late summer. By the time you read this the school holidays will be almost over and we will be starting to think about Christmas, its true what they say about time going quicker as you get older!

The village seems to have been getting used to the new housing developments being built with work seeming to slow down recently on some the building sites, hopefully they will all soon be complete and looking better than the mess the half finished state they are currently in.

If you do have any issues or comments remember you can join us on the village website forum at www.sileby-village.co.uk/forum. Due to issues with various overseas people trying to use forums to advertise their not so savoury wares we have to verify your sign on, this can be done by sending an email to webmaster@sileby-village.co.uk after you have registered your account, we apologies for this action but find it the best way of keeping to forum restricted to people who have a genuine interest in Sileby.

If you are planning any Christmas activities that you would like the village to know about then remember to get in touch and we can publish the details in the next issue.

Next Issue will be the Christmas edition. Copy and advert deadline is 30th October.

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Sileby Baptist Church Open Day

Sileby Baptist Church are holding an open day on Saturday 13th September 10am-6pm. Refreshments and stalls. Everyone is welcome to come and see the new church and to have some fun. See you there!

The Baptist Church can be found on Cossington Road.

Front Cover Picture: People await trains to Loughborough and Leicester at Sileby Railway Station.

According to statistics from the Office of Rail Regulation Sileby had 84,501 journeys start or end at the station during the 2006/7 financial year, an increase of 9732 over the previous year. The train service which takes people to Loughborough, Leicester, Nottingham or beyond runs every hour Monday to Saturday.

In contrast the countries busiest station is London Waterloo with 84million journeys during the same period.

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Triple boost to walking in the National Forest

A new walks leaflet are giving a boost to walking in the National Forest. 'Walking through time – Staunton Harold' a leaflet published by Leicestershire County Council, is encouraging people to explore more.

Walks in the leaflet 'Walking through time – Staunton Harold' all start from Staunton Harold Hall near the Ferrers Arts and Crafts Centre. Featuring three routes from 2 miles to 6½ miles the walks help people explore the countryside and highlight the history of the area, featuring ancient churches, development of the Staunton estate and hidden influences that have shaped the picturesque landscape. Copies are available in local libraries, to download from www.leics.gov.uk/paths or request a copy by emailing footpaths@leics.gov.uk.

LEONARD CHESHIRE DISABILITY

Are there any Sileby folk out there who still don't know where we are, who we are or what we do? If so, please read on

Where we are:

We are situated next to Redlands Primary School, up the driveway on the left, immediately after coming under the railway bridge and over the mini roundabout.

Who we are:

Leonard Cheshire Disability supports over 21,000 disabled people in the UK and works in 52 countries . We campaign for change and provide innovative services that give disabled people the opportunity to live life their way.

Our core values are:

Valuing the individual

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What we do:

Leonard Cheshire Disability has three purpose-built residential homes in



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Leicestershire providing the environment necessary for each individual's physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing. The largest, in Sileby, has 17 service users with physical disabilities. The home at Anstey has 7 service users and we have a small independent living unit at Coalville.

All the service users, who range in age from 18 to 65, have as independent a life as possible with the emphasis firmly on the individual and their

abilities.

What you can do for us:

The service users, staff and volunteers here at Sileby would love to get to know more people in the village and wish to extend an invitation to come along and meet us. Just telephone first on 01509 817750.

It would be fantastic if you could come and support our fundraising events – we often have fetes, coffee mornings and stalls at village events such as The Victorian Market. If you would like to become involved with fundraising for us we would certainly be pleased to hear from you!

If you only have a couple of hours a week to spare, there are lots of opportunities to volunteer with us.

What we can do for you!

We champion disability issues within the community. For example wheelchair access and transport issues.

We can offer advice and signposting for disabled people in the community.

We can become involved in local issues.

The service users at the King Street home would like to have the opportunity to become more involved in village life.

We are working closely with groups such as Redlands Primary School, local retailers and Sileby Parish Council.

In the future we hope to make contact with the local churches and WI's in the village.

However, in the meantime, anyone who wants to contact us, once again telephone on the above number.



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Managing 999 fire and rescue calls in the East Midlands

Fire and rescue service control rooms will have the ultimate back-up at times of high demand from a new initiative which launches in the East Midlands next autumn.

Over the next two years, the existing control rooms in Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire will gradually come together in a brand new building.

There the staff will be trained and equipped with the latest technology to co-ordinate emergency fire services across all five counties, and giving them vital capacity to support major incidents across the whole country if necessary.

Nine Regional Control Centres (RCCs) are being built across England, and the East Midlands centre in Castle Donington, Leicestershire will be one of the first to 'go live' under this new Government initiative.

The centres have been designed to streamline and synchronise the 999 control room functions of all fire and rescue services, providing a co-ordinated response to national disasters such as terrorist incidents, widespread flooding or a major fire on a similar scale to Buncefield.

Staff will have the same equipment, they will work to the same procedures, they will have access to the same information and their systems will be networked. The information at their fingertips means that it won't matter whether the incident is five miles, or 300 miles away, and they will be able to scale-up their operations and provide support wherever it is needed.

The East Midlands control room operators will receive all 999 calls to fire and rescue services in the five counties. The technology available will immediately tell them where the caller is ringing from and which fire appliances, with the correct equipment on board, can reach the scene most quickly.

Firefighters will be advised of the quickest route to the incident via in-cab computers that will tell them the known risks and hazards in the building or the locality, procedures for dealing with the type of incident and details of the nearest water supplies.

Cllr Darrell Pulk, Chair of East Midlands Fire and Rescue Control Centre, said: *"Control staff working from this brand new building will form a vital link between the public, firefighters and an array of high-tech equipment, helping to streamline our emergency response and serve our communities better."*

"The RCC holds the key to fire and rescue service emergency operations of the future as we will be able to work together more effectively in times of national emergency, providing immediate support to each other and a resilience that will help to protect the whole country."

The existing control room at Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service will be the first to transfer its calls to the RCC towards the end of 2009. This will be followed, at intervals, by the control room functions from Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire, to complete by summer 2010.

The remaining eight national Regional Control Centres should all be fully operational in 2012.

Anyone wishing to find out more about the East Midlands Regional Control Centre can call a member of the team on 01332 815369 or email emrccenquiries@lfrs.org.

Sileby Show Dangles the Carrot!

The Sileby (Conservative Club) Flower and Vegetable Show would like to remind readers of an important date for their diaries, with the annual event taking place this year on Saturday September 13th.

The show returns after a tremendous success in 2007 with over 190 entries and hopes to surpass that figure this year. The organisers would like to invite as many potential participants as possible new & old and remind everyone that as well as having its fair share of experienced growers which any good show needs, the show focuses on being a fun event which welcomes local growers whatever their standard.

To generate a real community spirit to the event, children are encouraged to enter into proceedings and show off their artistic flair. Along with the Children's Miniature Garden class, two new children's classes have been added too this years schedule, The Novelty Cress head and Lego Model, with all Children's entries receiving a prize for their efforts.

The 2007 show raised in excess of £1200 which was combined with other monies raised by the Norman Byatt Memorial Fund, who were able to make donations to Loros, The Meningitis Trust, Rainbows, The Special Olympics, Redlands and Highgate Primary Schools and other local worthy causes.

The organisers of this years event are currently looking for sponsors for this years event and would like to again thank last years sponsors for their kind donations as without the help of kind donations this event wouldn't be able to take place.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or simply require more information about the event please don't hesitate to contact one of our team. Or simply take a look at our website and print of a schedule for this years show



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Many Thanks for reading and we hope to see you in September.

The Sileby (Conservative Club) Flower and Vegetable Show in conjunction with The Norman Byatt Memorial Fund

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Kevin Run's for Sister



Kevin Loomes of Oakham devoted hours of training to run in the London Marathon in aid of Mencap. The connection being his Sister Kim who attends a specialist college for Adults with learning difficulties called Homefield College in Sileby Leicester. The catchment area includes many counties including Rutland and surrounding districts.

Wife Nikki children Jake Anya and Finlay and Mum and Dad all travelled to London to support Kevin who was spotted at 13 and 22 miles receiving hearty cheers of encouragement. Every runner was supported by the thousands in the crowd especially at the 22 miles when it was getting tough.

Kim watched on television and said she saw her brother. Mencap greeted all their runners at the finish and escorted them to a reception providing Food Drinks and most important for the runners a massage to bring bodies back to life. Whilst Mencap does not support Homefield College Directly it is U.K's Learning Disability Charity providing help and support for adults and your adults in their careers.

I finished in 4hours 8 min – sorry to those of you who thought I could do it quicker but trust me there was only vapor in the tank at the end. Running the London Marathon is the most amazing experience of my life so far because of the obvious challenge, but more so because of the incredible support the crowds give to perfect strangers (in the pouring rain!) When I started to feel the pain and realization of the battle ahead, realizing that the crowd are tuned into who needs their help and being so thankful for it, searching the crowds for the faces I longed to see and wondering whether I'd missed them Seeing my family at 24 miles, then it was easy (ish) and I had a smile on my face to the finish and the unbelievable emotions of crossing the finishing line.

Thank you to everyone who supported me in training, support, encouragement and sponsorship – I fulfilled a lifetime ambition and for a great cause.

To date Kevin's fundraising has reached £833.00 with a target of £1,500, donations can continue to be made, and if you would like to support Kevin and Mencap please go to www.justgiving.com/kevinloomes it is easy and secure. WELL DONE KEVIN

SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL

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SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre has a large main hall with stage, a sports hall, bar and other rooms available for hire at competitive rates. Please contact the Parish Office on 01509 813075 or visit our website www.silebyparishcouncil.org.uk to make a booking.

SPORTS PAVILION – SILEBY MEMORIAL PARK

Since the Chairman's Report dated 6th May 2008, the Football Foundation has now approved a grant of £288,931.00 towards our new Sports Pavilion. A start date is to be confirmed in due course.

DOG FOULING – SILEBY MEMORIAL PARK

Sileby Parish Council is hoping to elevate the dog fouling problems within the Memorial Park, by implementing a 'Dogs on Leads Policy'.

SILEBY CEMETERY RECORDS

Sileby Cemetery Records can now be viewed on line through the Parish Council website www.silebyparishcouncil.org.uk. Many thanks to Mr Lionel Blower for his time and commitment to this project.

CCTV

Sileby Parish Council is proposing to install CCTV in various locations throughout the village.

ANNUAL SWITCHING ON OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 5TH DECEMBER 2008

Volunteers are required to help at the above event. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist.

COST OF VANDALISM/ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON AREAS UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL FROM 1 MARCH 08 TO 31 MAY 08

Vandalism and Anti Social Behaviour Costs

£538.20

ANNUAL REPORT – ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

	2006/07	2007/08
Balances brought forward	145,981	185,667
Annual Precept	127,425	129,940
Other Receipts	60,864	55,986
Staff Costs	49,974	64,330
Loan Interest/capital repayments	-	-
Other Payments	98,629	113,136
Balances carried forward	185,667	194,127
Total Cash and Investments	189,034	194,461
Total Fixed & Long Term Assets	158,618	-
Total Borrowings	-	-

Annual Precept

Precept	2008/2009	£142,167	An increase of
9.4% from 07/08	2007/2008	£129,940	

The Precept for 2008/2009 was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th December 2007.

Finances for 2006/2007 – Precept for 2006/2007

£127,425

Main costs were as follows:-

General Purposes Committee

Christmas Decorations

Insurance

Parks Committee

Overall plan for Memorial Park

Community Centre Committee

New heating system

Receipts

There was an increase in receipts due to burial fees.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 6th May 2008

I was delighted to be re-appointed Chairman last May, with Richard Kinton as my Deputy.

We welcomed Sue and Bill King and Fred Mear as new co-opted

councillors, all of whom seem to have embraced their new roles. Sue and Bill took on various Social Representations whilst Fred brought his expertise to the Finance Group.

I am pleased to see both Fred and Richard back with us following their illness and subsequent treatments and recuperations. Thanks to Betty for taking over the Deputy Chairmanship again at short notice.

In late Autumn Councillor Barry Stevens died following a long illness. His sudden decline during the last few months saddened us and made us realise the keen, able and reliable friend he had once been to both us and the village. Once again we have changed our Handyman as John left to find full time employment. His replacement is Alex Andrews who combines his new job with running Taekwon-do classes. The hours complement each other and his knowledge of the youths has helped him establish himself as a regular on the village scene, especially on the Park.

After 25 years we have a new clerk, Glynis Smith, although she has been with us four years training alongside Beverly Burton. Glynis is now settling into the role following the inevitable teething troubles and is ably assisted by our new Assistant to the Clerk, Leah Newby.

Beverly's retirement at the Christmas Meeting was a lovely occasion with her family and many old friends present to share memories and remember events long gone, but also to look forward to those special years ahead with time to enjoy the forthcoming family 'developments'.

Change has also affected the policing in our village. Our new young PCSO left after a few months and his replacement, Sian Mapp has been very elusive.

Perhaps we expect too much in our villages when we are told the police are only available for Loughborough on Friday and Saturday nights.

Vandalism, graffiti and Anti Social Behaviour blight our village constantly, yet the only response we notice is a 15 plus % increase in our levy!!

The street wardens sadly have to follow the rules and seem to have no leeway for common sense! The parking at our usual trouble spots seems no better but the public have been persistently upset by petty campaigns often at weekends, targeting vehicles which cause no inconvenience but are technically illegally parked.

The proposed Pavilion on the Park is still PROPOSED. All the work towards a grant application has been completed and submitted and we still await the result of hours of hard work which involved the Parish Council, the Clerk, the associated clubs and John Palmer our co-ordinator.

My Civic Duties have been delightful this year from visits to all the usual Borough and local Villages Events as well as some very special events

featuring our Special Older Person, Ethel Preston at County Hall and the Bowls Club.

I've been to talk on Civic Duties to the Guides and visited Homefield College, St Gregory's Church, the Leonard Cheshire Home and Dudley Court amongst others. Our own Best Garden Competition was enjoyable although less well supported this year, so I look forward to the changes being organised for a Scarecrow Competition later on this year.

The Christmas lights looked wonderful but the 'Switching on Evening' was not without hitches. The changes we made this year followed complaints at previous events and for Health and Safety reasons. We were very pleased however to welcome our guests and our local celebrity, David Howe.

Things also become stale if they are not reviewed so I look forward to this year's event with possibly the renewed involvement of Bill Brookman.

Health and Safety and Street Marshall's will be a major problem affecting not only the street closures for Christmas but also the Armistice Parade.

I have really enjoyed my time as Chairman but feel I have not had the time I expected in my retirement, so now I look forward to taking more of a back seat, although hopefully remaining on the Council and look forward to supporting my successor.

Mrs Patricia Staples, Retiring Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT – LIST OF PARISH COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

NAMES AND CONTACT DETAILS

Councillor Mr P J Astill	01509 812263
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Councillor Mr P Collingswood	01509 816501
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Mrs L Newby Administrative Assistant

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SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL POLICY

It is the policy of Sileby Parish Council that no action is taken when correspondence or information is received anonymously.

‘E’ Graves

Sileby Parish Council took the decision in 1990 that the next sections of graves, ‘E’ Graves were to be grassed plots with a specified headstone.

This was for Health and Safety reasons and to allow better maintenance of the graves and surrounding area. Kerbing around the grave, cultivation of the grave or additional vases/plaques are not permitted on these graves.

This section was not in use until 1994. Any purchasers of graves were informed of the rules of Sileby Cemetery by their Funeral Directors. In the early stages, after purchasing an ‘E’ grave families are given time to grieve, therefore, we do allow additional flowers, plants and memorials to be left on the plot. Graves are then left to settle for approximately one year before they are turfed. The families are contacted to remove any additional items before the work is carried out by Contractors.

Parish Council’s have the power to make the rules for their Cemeteries under the ‘Local Government Cemeteries Order 1977’

Sileby Parish Council state that the rules must be upheld for the benefit of all Sileby residents, to keep down the costs for maintenance reasons and to prevent any Health and Safety issues.

SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL

SILEBY HERITAGE

Pete Campbell and Eric Wheeler —Heritage Wardens

Two plea's *or not to plea* (sorry about that!)

1st Plea

Sileby has two Heritage Wardens both with an overwhelming interest in History/Archaeology.

We have little interest in Flora and Fauna but Sileby NEEDS SUCH A PERSON.

Please fill in that gap; both Eric and myself will point you (or possibly two of you) in the right direction.

2nd Plea

Your village magazine needs your articles. If it doesn't get them, there is no doubt it will cease to exist.

Jot down something, whether it be your views on the transport services, your praise or criticism (constructive please) on anything else in the village.

Your memory of an event in the village etc

If you can help also with the magazine distribution I am sure the Editor would love to hear from you. Please give it a go. You never know you may even enjoy it!



On my recent visit to Loughborough Library I came across these articles. (Obviously I have too much time on my hands).

MARCH 20TH 1884

LOUGHBOROUGH POLICE COURT REPORT

HIGHWAY OFFENCE

Frank Birchnall was charged with leaving a vehicle in the High Street, Sileby, on the 3rd inst. Thereby causing an obstruction – the defendant pleaded guilty. P.C. Archer stated the facts of the case, and the defendant was fined £1.00 including costs or 14 days.

Have ‘Tesco’s’ really been in business that long.

JULY 17TH 1884

LOUGHBOROUGH POLICE COURT REPORT

A DANGEROUS DOG

John Kidger of Sileby was summoned for not keeping a dangerous dog under proper control on the 2nd inst. P.C. Archer and P.C. Smith gave evidence as to the dangerous character of the dog, and P.C. Smith added that “there was no doubt the dog had been trained to annoy Policemen”. The defendant denied that it was dangerous, and called Alfred Walker to state that on the day in question the dog was provoked by Archer. An order was made “for the defendant to keep the dog properly controlled” and to pay costs.

A Policeman in Sileby? ‘O’ Heady Days!



THE RULES OF COURTESY

Probably one half of the rudeness of youths of this day, that later in life will develop into brutality, is due to the failure of parents to enforce in the family circle the rules of courtesy. The son or Daughter who is discourteous to

members of the family because of familiarity with them is very likely to prove rude and overbearing to others, and very certain to be a tyrant in the household over which he or she may be called on to preside. There is undeniably among the rising generation a lack of courteous demeanour, in the family. Of all the places in the world let the boy understand that home is the place where he should speak the gentlest, and be the most kindly and where courteous demeanour should invariably prevail. The lad who is rude to his Sister, impertinent to his Mother, and vulgar in the house will prove a sad Husband for a suffering Wife, and a cruel Father to unfortunate children. The place for politeness, as it helps put it, is where we mostly think it superfluous.

No, not a recent article, but taken from a copy of the Loughborough Herald & Gazette of 1884.

So the issues of 1884 family life are still a problem today?



A few weeks ago one of my Grand Daughters (yes I am that old) Holly (6 years) asked where I would be when she was a Grandma. Not wanting to upset her I replied that I would still be living in Sileby. With the biggest smile on her face and pointing upwards she commented “no you won’t you’ll be up there” out of the mouths of

As someone once said there is nothing more certain than death and taxes.

And on that happy note, please read on ...

With your help, Sileby could have history resources to rival and excel other villages. At the moment we are lagging behind.

How can you help? Talk to your children and Grandchildren and give them your written memories. Raid your lofts etc and pass on your memorabilia and photo’s etc.

Who wants them?

Myself: - Pete Campbell

or Eric Wheeler

or take them to the Parish Council for the attention of Glynis.

or you can call me on 01509 814618 or 07762 299774.

You may have noticed that there was no Yesterday/Today Local History Exhibition this year. There were numerous reasons for this; one of them being “a lack of material” WITH YOUR HELP THERE WILL BE ONE NEXT YEAR.

Lastly I would like to thank the residents who have helped both Eric and myself in giving, loaning artefacts etc, and those who have given your memories. I don't need to name them, they know who they are but thank you.





Your Letters

Send you letters to the editor. Please include your name and address (not for publication if you wish).

Dear Sir,

Re: "Dogs on Lead Policy"

I think this is a little drastic, you only have to look in the dog loos, which are emptied regularly, to see that they are well used.

It is only the minority, who don't clean up after their pets. Dogs and owners need to have somewhere they can run free and socialise with other dogs. Sibley Memorial Park is one to be proud of, and I do wish the odd irresponsible dog owner would appreciate this and stop 'spoiling' it for the rest of us.

C. Beesley

Dear Sir,

Re: "Stiles are now old-style"

When walking with my dog along the footpath off Ratcliffe Road towards Ratcliffe College one Sunday afternoon, I was sad to see the quaint old stiles in the hedges had been replaced by imposing galvanized gates, shame they can't be black to blend in more. Apart from the fact that they don't have the aesthetic look and feel of the old country stiles, the round fence part lead me straight

into deep mud, which is created by lots of walking on, and cows congregating. With the old stile I could step across close to the hedge where the ground is drier but because of the round fence part I couldn't do this and was forced to walk into boggy ground, I sank at least 2 feet and had to ring my mobile for someone to dig me out.

So if we must have these gates, and I appreciate not everyone can climb over our lovely old English stiles, then it would be nice if they were painted black or green to blend in, and please, please can we have a few cobbles at the base to stop me getting stuck.

C Beesley.

"Wanted : any pictures/illustrations of Cossington Gate railway station for study. Please contact Eric Wheeler, heritage warden at sibleyhistory@aol.com"



A 'GOOD' Ofsted for Sileby Day Nursery !

Well Done To all staff, children and parents at Sileby Day Nursery.

Sileby day Nursery's first full Ofsted inspection took place at the end of February 2008 and went very well. Staff had been waiting eagerly for the inspection, with the Manager giving regular pep talks to the staff, ensuring that they were all well prepared.

Sileby Day Nursery has always been very proud of the high standard of care which has been developing and evolving during the last 4 years, since opening its doors in June 2004.

Manager Tracey Brown says...

'The Nursery has an 'open door' policy, encouraging parental involvement and feedback wherever we can. We like to think that parents feel at ease to approach any one of us at any time during the day.

We hold regular events so that parents can see the sort of things that the children are doing at the nursery; for example, an annual Christmas concert held at the farm across the road and a graduation ceremony for the children who leave us to go to school.

We won't be taking things for granted as the report is a 'springboard' for continual improvement with learning, play and improved facilities.'

After receiving the report all the staff celebrated with a party, and a well deserved night out, as a reward for their hard work and effort. Sileby Day Nursery is a great place for children and staff alike to be in!

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Syston Methodist Church Fundraising Update

In 2001, the members of Syston Methodist Church embarked on a project that was to engulf the lives of many people for the next few years. The plan was to link the church building with the completely separate church hall next to it. This link building would provide much needed extra space for the activities that take place in the church, not just on Sundays but throughout the week.

The project was to cost several hundred thousand pounds and funds needed to be raised. Half the money had to be raised before any grants could be applied for. Money was sought through pledges and the people of Syston and surrounding communities gave generously.

Fundraising events were organised at the rate of one per month. Anything that would raise money was arranged from stage shows to jumble sales; Christmas tree festivals to Easter duck races, Sound of Music sing-a-longs to gardener's question times.

After a couple of years, enough money was raised to be able to start work and building commenced in autumn 2003. Spring 2004 saw the completion of the building work and the refurbishment of the church, restoring many of the original features whilst fitting the church for 21st century worship. A special service was held to dedicate the building for its use as a place of worship.

The Link building not only bridges the gap between the two older buildings but creates a link for all aspects of the church's life during the week. The church is host to many activities beside Sunday worship and Junior Church; there are opportunities for midweek prayer and Holy Communion. There is a fortnightly lunch club for the older members of the community and a twice-weekly group that meets for preschool children and their carers. There are keep fit classes, Girls Brigade, badminton for juniors and adults and Help the Aged have an office on the premises to name just some of the activities.

Although the building may be complete, there are many more projects to start and fundraising continues. A new organ has recently been purchased enhancing worship and providing opportunity for entertainment in organ recitals. The kitchen is currently undergoing refurbishment to make catering for the lunch club and other events easier. The fabric of the building requires some external renovation and internal redecoration.

There are coffee mornings each Saturday from 10.00 – 12.00 as well as a programme of fundraising events.

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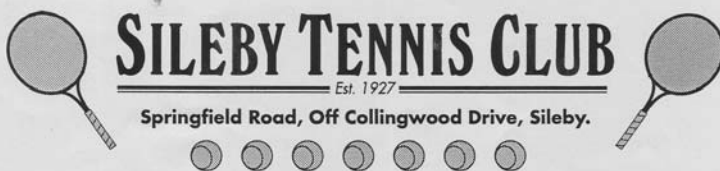
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This years membership is £80 for an adult (with various reductions) and NO JOINING FEE. Junior membership is only £10 and £30 for a parent joining with their siblings.

Phone Dave on 812993 for more information.

Sileby Parish Plan Group

The Parish Plan Group have now, at last, analysed the results of the 2007 questionnaire and are well on their way to preparing the report for all the Village to see.

So far this year an Historical Society has been formed, Two members of the Group have been on a special training session on “how to set up websites”, and are in the process of up-dating one of the Sileby Village website’s, a helper has been found for the Scout Group and in the Summer holidays Charnwood’s Play Ranger will have set up “Play in Sileby”.

The Group still need more volunteers to help. Information on when meetings are held can be found on the Sileby Village website (leicestershirevillages/Sileby.com).

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