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A view of Sileby Marina.

SPEED WATCH IN SILEBY

Following a very successful meeting on Tuesday 24 February, when Mike Wilson the Community Speed Watch Coordinator for Leicestershire County Council gave a very interesting introduction to Speed Watch.

Therefore Speed Watch will be taking place in Sileby during the Summer.

The Sileby coordinator is David Lewin. If anyone would like to come to the next meeting on Wednesday 6th May 2009 at 7pm at the Community Centre there are helpers still needed to make the scheme a success.

Next Issue will be Summer 2009. Copy and advert deadline is 28th August 2009.

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AGE CONCERN CONTINUE TO HELP BLUE BADGE HOLDERS OVER 65

Age Concern Leicester Shire & Rutland have joined forces with Leicestershire County Council Benefit Take up Team in trying to encourage more people over 65 who have a blue disabled badge to ask about money which may go with the badge. Many people are still believed to be missing out on this money which is called Attendance Allowance.

This award is not means tested no one is interested in your savings and it will not reduce any other benefit that may be in payment and in some cases may mean you may get more. It is awarded to those people who need frequent attention throughout the day in connection with bodily functions or continual supervision to avoid danger. Bodily functions are things like moving around, eating, getting washed and dressed, going to the toilet, seeing or hearing difficulties.

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Front Cover Picture: The newly refurbished Sileby Methodist Church.
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Meet our new Mayor!

Lucie Ellis—Reporter

Sileby's own Borough Councillor Roy Brown has been officially appointed as Mayor of Charnwood.

In January of this year Councillor Brown was appointed the highly desired role at a council meeting on the 11th and was thrilled.

Mayors have existed since medieval times and have adapted with the on going evolution of our towns and councils. In today's world their main goal is to be a fair minded and non-judgmental representative for our Borough.

Roy was extremely excited and proud to have been chosen to represent our Council and can't wait to take over the role actively this May. He has been an important part of our own Parish and Borough Councils for over ten years working hard to improve our village. He first entered into local politics many years ago in Barrow-Upon-Soar and returned to Sileby



Pictured is Roy and his wife Gill

12 years ago. Whilst a councilor Roy has been apart of the Charnwood Road Safety Committee, Charnwood Neighborhood Housing, Community and Partnership committee and many other groups and societies.

He is most proud of the work he and a team have done on the village appraisal over many years and is glad that this group is continuing to grow and improve.

Roy's wife Gill Brown said she was 'thrilled to bits with his new appointment'. The election came as a very welcome surprise for both Roy and his family.

Roy hopes to be a great Ambassador of the council supporting and encouraging all sections of the community. He also said that 'Sileby is in my mind an important part of Charnwood. And I wish to Carry on representing Sileby the best I can.'

As Roy's home, Sileby is a village he feels passionate about. However he has great enthusiasm for being a representative for the whole of the Borough. Roy looks forward to the Mayor Making at the annual Council meeting to make his new appointment official. The diary for 2009 is in the making and Roy hopes to attend as many invitations as possible to for fill his duties and epitomize the Borough in an honorable way.

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SILEBY HERITAGE

Pete Campbell and Eric Wheeler —Heritage Wardens

You will notice advertised in this issue, an exhibition of Sileby “Past & Present” at the Community Centre. Taking place at the Easter weekend it has been organised by Sileby’s newly formed “Heritage Group”.

We are a small but enthusiastic group who have an interest in Sileby History. Come to the exhibition; give us your views, and hopefully JOIN US.

Pete Campbell
Heritage Warden

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JUNE 1st 1882

LODGE ANNIVERSARY

The anniversary of the Good Intent Lodge of the United Ancient Order of Druids Friendly Society, was held on Whit-Monday. The members met in the Lodge room at the Horse and Trumpet at 10.30 a.m, and after proceeding to the Parish Church, headed by the Sileby Brass Band, where a very appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Shears.

Afterwards they returned to the Lodge room, where an excellent dinner was provided by the hostess (Mrs. Newbold). After dinner, the vicar, who is a honorary member, and subscriber, made a few suitable remarks congratulating the members on the success of the Lodge and saying he was very pleased to be one amongst them. The secretary, Mr. Henry Smith, very suitably responded and moved a vote of thanks to the vicar for the kind interest he took in the Lodge and the service he had rendered to it, which was carried unanimously. The secretary, in giving his report stated that the Lodge was never in a most prosperous condition there being both a financial increase and an increase in members.

The balance sheet to Christmas showed that they were worth £516 18s.5d., and since that time the sum of £33 6s. 1d. added and made a total of £550 4s. 6d. Donations of 10s. each were given by Messrs. W.H. Sharpe, and F. Sharpe, and also one of 13s. 6d. for the band, by Mr. James Betts, Nag's Head inn, Loughborough.

The proceedings were agreeably diversified by selections by the band, songs, glees, &c., the whole terminating by the singing of the National Anthem.

AGE OF PROGRESS

William sat deep in thought. He had been busy, but now a sense of sorrow had engulfed his mind.

Where were we going? Many changes were taking place. The scene from the window did nothing to alter his deep resentment of the government, but the act had been passed. Now they were altering the landscape! Thousands of tonnes of earth removed, and all for what! To make it easier for transport? The cost to the Village? Who can measure that. Already three men killed this year alone.

The supporters of this new engineering say that the cost of coal for our fires will fall. Raw materials will be cheaper to move. He was glad that he wouldn't be around in thirty year's time!

How will people view us in 200 years. What will they think in 1992 when they see these scars on the landscape, or will the canals (as the engineers would have us believe) blend into the English countryside.

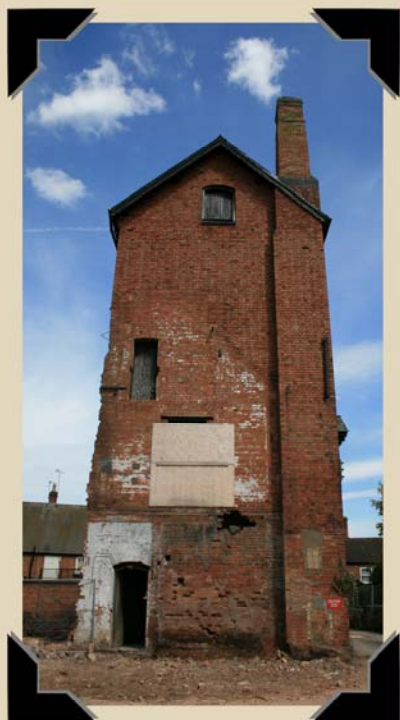
This we are told is the "Age of Progress".

Leicester Navigation was declared open on October 24th 1794 when a boatload of coal from Burslems Colliery at Coleorton had passed along the Forest Line to Loughborough pulled by two horses and six or seven men, on its way to Leicester.

YESTERDAY TODAY

Sileby Heritage Group

Invite you to an Exhibition of Sileby
Past and Present



Venue - The Community Centre

Date - Easter Weekend

Sat/Sun. April 11th & 12th

Time 9.30am - 4.30pm.

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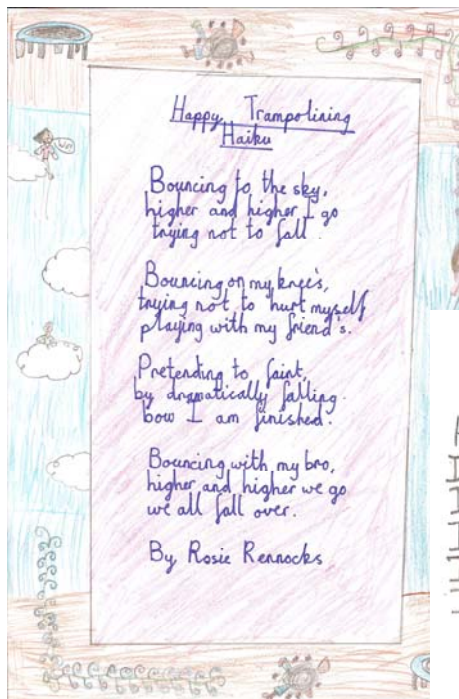
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Hate is black
It smells like a burning forest in the middle of
nowhere
And tastes like sour lemon
Hate sounds like a thunder storm raging in your ears
It looks like a dark cloud covering the sky
And feels like a bomb exploding in front of you.
Hate scares me
by Jordan Emery.

Happiness

Happiness is the orange
It looks like a field of flowers
It taste like home made cake,
It sounds like my big sister singing
It smells like tropical fruits
It feels like a ball bouncing inside me

by Lucy Taylor

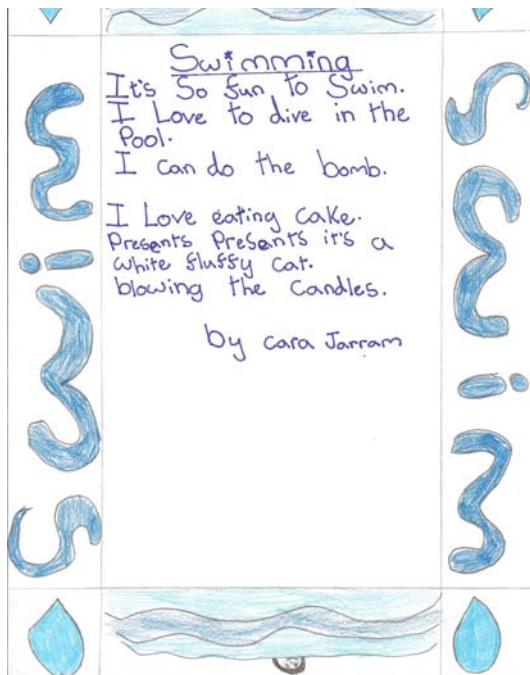
Delight

Delight is bright orange,
It tastes like tropical fruit.
Delight smells like freshly baked bread,
It looks like a golden sunflower.
It sounds like children singing,
Delight feels like soft flour on your cheeks.

Anger

Anger is red,
It tastes like rotten fruit.
Anger smells like a burning fire,
It looks like a dark hole.
It sounds like screaming children,
Anger feels like fire burning your skin.

by Angharad Tolton



Happy Haiku

Take That are the best
there my fav boy band by far
Take That sing great songs.

Girls Aloud are great
Girls Aloud have loads of fans
they sing awesome songs.

Dancing every week
till the music just won't stop
dancing is my thing.

I have to hand-stand
playing in my green garden
on a summers day.

By Estelle Needham

Molly Ward

Jealousy!

Jealousy is dark green

It tastes like a rotten apple you don't want to eat
It smells like a full bin on a hot day
It looks like a dead flower that makes you cry
It sounds like a loud train whistle leaving the station
It feels like hot metal burning my hands

Love

Love is bright red

It tastes like just picked tropical fruits
It smells like freshly mown grass
It looks like a fully blossomed tree
It sounds like the song on my wedding day
It feels like a rabbit's soft fur

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Furious

Take Wincott

Furious is red
It tastes of burning curry
And it smells like fire burning
It looks like red leaves
The sound is like screaming and shouting
It feels hot.

Happy Sport Haiku

Skating all day long,
hoping I'll not fall over,
Skating with my mates,

Dancing to the beat,
Dancing as the rhythm goes,
The music is loud,

Doing some spring points,
And maybe a cart wheel,
watching the cool show,

Every saturday,
I go to roller disco,
ouch I fell over,

By Eve Whitehead

SILEBY PARISH PLAN GROUP

TWO YEARS ON

Yes, we are still here and coming to the end of producing The Sileby Parish Plan for improving Sileby.

It has been a struggle but at last the Sileby Parish Plan has been shown to Sileby Parish Council for their views and comments.

The Launch Day is planned for Tuesday 28th April at 8pm in the Community Centre where you the people of Sileby can have your say on The Plan.

All the Service Providers for Sileby will also be invited to The Launch to answer your questions.

Many ideas that came up during the project have already been put into action. A Sileby Heritage Group has been set up with meeting every month with the help of the Heritage Wardens, Eric Wheeler and Peter Campbell.

The next event is a Sileby Heritage Exhibition being organised for Easter.

The Leicestershire Villages web-site for Sileby is now being edited by members of the Parish Plan Group. So if you want help getting a free page on the website for your own group or club then contact the group or the Leicestershire Villages administrator.

If you already have your own website a link can be added to take surfers to yours.

Play schemes that were set up around the village last year, will be again this year by Charnwood Borough Councils Mobile Play Ranger.

Another project successfully completed was the new Sileby Walks Leaflet, listing three circular walks from the centre of the village.

The Walk Leaflet was launched on New Years Day this year when villagers and friends walked two of the walks in the leaflet. The Leaflet is available from the Libraries, NatWest Bank and the Community Centre.

An initial Speed Watch meeting has also taken place after the support shown in the 2007 Questionnaire and a Sileby Speed Watch will be taking place in the summer.

Whilst all this has been happening the Visual Design Statement has also been completed and is now with Leicestershire County Council for approval.

By completing the Parish Plan and V.D.S. Sileby is now “on the map”.

We hope you will approve of what we have done.

Now the Sileby Parish Plan Group will be taking a short break, but will still be looking for further ways to help and improve Sileby.

Sileby & District Royal British Legion

First of all I would like to introduce myself. My name is Liz Jones, I wear lots of 'hats' for the British Legion in the village one of them is the Poppy Appeal Organiser. That, in fact, is just a title, because there are lots of people who help in lots of ways.

Storing the poppy material through the year, getting the boxes ready to take out in late October each year, delivering and collecting back in the poppy boxes and collecting boxes, standing outside with collecting boxes, going round to peoples houses collecting, counting the money and then distributing the results round Sileby, Seagrave, Walton, Cossington and Ratcliffe.

This year we made a fantastic **£3,965.17**, a great big thank you to everyone who helped in any way, and thank you to all who put money in the boxes. Your money goes to help not only older people wanting chair lifts fitted for example, but things like a motorised wheel chair for Jonathan Noble, a 25 year old Para, severely injured in a car accident going to a training course. He had served in Afghanistan with the Parachute regiment, but he had been issued with a standard wheel chair when he left hospital, but as he was over 6 foot 5 inches tall he didn't fit very well in it, also it wouldn't fit into a car, so he was stuck at home for months on end.

His family contacted the Royal British Legion who assessed that he could claim more invalidity benefit, they also arranged for him to be fitted with a specially build motorised wheel chair. It was very special, it took three months to build, but now it fits in his mobility car, and with the specially adapted hand controls he is able to get out more and become more independent. Your money helps people like Jonathan, so thank you.

Have you ever seen the Remembrance parade on the 2nd Sunday in November? Do you wonder who these people are? Well we have a lively membership in the village, made up of members of the community who want to help ex servicemen and women. You don't have to have served in the armed forces to join; we are always looking for members to swell our numbers.

We have two sections that meet. The Men's section meet on the first Thursday of the month, at 8pm, at the Conservative Club, you don't have to be a member or the Conservative club to come in, I as a member can sign you in, so that you can attend the meetings. We discuss what is going on around the country, have fund raising socials and enjoy ourselves.

We also have a women's section that meet again at the Conservative Club but they meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month, again at 8pm. We arrange social events through the year, including the 'food fairies' arranging a buffet supper at very reasonable prices.

So why not come along and give us a try. For more information call me on 01509 816077 or 07770 860082.



Church News



3 Rectors of St Mary's!

On 10 February 2009, the 3 most recent Rectors of Sileby gathered together for the first time. Pictured from left to right are Richard Hopkins, the present Rector, Alan Costerton, Rector from 1994-2005 and Alan Turner, Rector from 1987-1994.

The 3 gathered for the funeral and then service of celebration for the life of Pat Anderson. Mrs. Anderson was reader (lay preacher) at St Mary's Church and served alongside each of the Rectors. Alan Turner was one of those who paid tribute to Mrs. Anderson during the service of celebration and Richard Hopkins preached from 1 Thessalonians 4 on the certainty that we can have for those who have died trusting in Jesus and his death: "Paul [who wrote 1 Thessalonians] says we should not grieve like the rest of men who have no hope. Hope in the bible is not a vague or uncertain thing, no it is a thing of confidence and certainty. It is a hope which has as its basis the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because Jesus died and rose again, so we know that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."



St Gregory's

Palm Sunday 5th April 9am Sileby, 11am Syston

Wednesay 8th April United Service at Bishop Beverage
Barrow

Thursday 9th April Lords supper mass Sileby 11.30

Good Friday 10th April Liturgy, Holy Trinity Barrow 3pm
Stations of the Cross 7.30 Sileby

Sunday 12th April Easter Vigil 7.30 Sileby

United Benefice of Sileby, Cossington and Seagrave

Thursday 9 April

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion Cossington

Friday 10 April – Good Friday

10.30 a.m. Joint churches' Good Friday service
 St Mary's Sileby

7.30 p.m. Good Friday Reflections Seagrave

Sunday 12 April – Easter Day

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion St Mary's,
Sileby

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Cossington
 (followed by Holy Communion)

5.00 p.m. Easter Songs of Praise Seagrave
 (followed by Holy Communion)

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship Cossington

On Tuesday 17th February 2009 the Sileby Youth Club was officially re opened with Tuesday nights being its permanent night when it is open this has been open since the end of last month during which youths were encouraged to attend on the last 2 Wednesdays free of charge with a view to firstly getting the opinions on what colour they wanted the Youth Club. Myself, PCSO 6031 Sian Mapp with support from members of Sileby Parish Council and youths that were involved with the Youth Offending Service spent each weekend in our own time decorating the inside of the Youth Club white which gave it a blank canvas to choose what colours they would like. It was also an opportunity for them to state what they wanted the Youth Club to provide in the way of facilities, courses etc.. Something that would encourage others to come. The Youth Club has not been open for sometime and it is good to see it open again which we hope will provide a facility for the youths to use something that has not been available for some time.

The other bit of good news is that Sian, me and some residents in the village have been making enquiries into the possibility of setting up a Boxing Academy within the village and on speaking with the youths as well as other residents this has been deemed a very good idea and one that will have had a lot of support. At the moment we have identified the Coaches we want to run the Academy who between them have many years of experience in the business, we are now in the process of setting up a Committee and have found a potential venue for the Academy to be permanently based. There to date have been well over 100 enquiries into the Academy which is very positive indeed and I am sure we have the makings of bringing something good into the village, we wanted to ensure we brought the right people in some of whom are from Sileby and that they want to bring something in that will last the test of time and remain in the village for years to come.

So as you can see we have been working very hard behind the scenes as well as deal with the crime within the village I hope that most residents have now began to see a change in the village, a change for the better I have certainly seen it both living and working and I hope you do too, but if anyone is interested in helping with either of these ventures please let me or Sian know either by e mail which is gordon.doudie@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk or by Voicemail Tel No. 0116 222 2222 ext 5675 followed by either my collar number which 1993 or Sian`s which is 6031. We said we would bring change to Sileby and I feel we are slowly but surely doing so but let us know what you think after all we want to hear what you have to say because believe us we value your opinion.

PC 1993 Gordon Doudie, PCSO 6031 Sian Mapp, Sileby Seagrave & Cossington Beat Team

FACTS ABOUT SILEBY TENNIS CLUB

The Club was formed in 1927 with three grass courts, when the Sports Ground was given by the Industrialists in the village through the Methodist church.

After the 2nd World War the tennis courts were turned into a bowling green and new shale courts built along side.

In 1999 four All Weather courts were constructed, with help from the Lottery and the Sileby Sports Ground Trustees.

Last year the courts were renovated and re-painted.

There are two mens, one ladies and one mixed team competing in the Leicestershire Summer League and two mens and two ladies teams in the Winter League.



Last year the mixed and ladies teams won their respective leagues. Coaching is organised for adults and juniors.

Social tennis is encouraged on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons, when all standards of play are welcome, especially new members.

Sileby Tennis Club is a friendly club that needs new members, especially ladies and girls, to promote the continuation of TENNIS IN SILEBY.

For more information tel 01509 812993 or go to the club website at:-

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SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH WALKS 2009

(22nd Year)

Why not come and join us and enjoy exploring the local parish footpaths and countryside? A chance to meet with new people and healthy exercise. Everyone welcome.

All walks start at Sileby Community Centre at 7.00p.m. led by John & Beverly Burton (01509 815525) and Dave Thompson.

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| Tuesday
21st April | Sileby Mill, River Soar, Mountsorrel Lock,
Old Slash, Mountsorrel Lane, Barrow Road
3 ½ miles |
| Tuesday
19th May | Cossington Road, Cossington Meadows,
Platts Lane, Cossington Old Mill, River Soar,
Cossington Meadows, Sileby Mill
4 miles |
| Tuesday
16th June | Ratcliffe Road, Ratcliffe College, Ratcliffe on the
Wreake, Humble Lane, Cossington Church,
Cossington Road
5 miles |
| Tuesday
21st July | Barrow Road, Mountsorrel Lane, Old Slash,
Barrow Marina, Barrow upon Soar, Old Quorn
Hunt Kennels, British Gypsum, Barrow Road
6 miles |
| Tuesday
18th August | Sileby Mill, Brambles & Briers, River Soar,
Rothley Church, Farnham Bridge, Sileby Mill
4½ miles |

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 Parish Council cannot accept liability for any injuries however caused.

One of the employers which Ian Waters could not remember (Winter 2008 edition) was the Excel (sometime known as Excellon) shoe factory which was latterly in King Street although it had originally occupied the premises in Albion Road which were later used by William Whiteheads.

My grandfather, Charles, worked at the Excel from the time it was founded in the early part of the 20th century until his death in 1938. Charles had a history of heart problems and actually died in the factory as the Leicester Mercury report

DIED AT WORK
Sileby Man Who Suffered From Heart Trouble
 A Sileby jury to-day returned a verdict of death from natural causes, on a press-room foreman in a shoe factory, who, it was stated by a doctor, might have been expected to die at any time through heart disease which had troubled him for 30 years.
 The inquest was on Charles Derry (60), Seagrave-road, Sileby, who collapsed and died while working at his bench yesterday morning.
 A pressroom hand, John Lee, of Wellbrook-avenue, Sileby, said he saw something lying in the gangway near to his bench, and thinking it was probably a sack walked over and found Derry lying there.
 Another pressman, George Harriman, Ratcliffe-road, Sileby, replied to the coroner (Mr. H. J. Deane) that there was no machinery or electric cable anywhere near Derry's bench, and his work was not strenuous.



Back row (1 to r): Joe Newbold, Ted Harriman, Unknown, Cyril Lewin, Unknown, Unknown, Ernie Peel, Leonard Widdowson, Front row: Unknown, John William Marston, Wilf Blockley, Ernest Derry, Arthur 'Sonny' Trasler, Arthur Trasler, Stan Trasler, Unknown, Unknown

My late father, Ernest, worked at the factory as a clicker (apart from his war service) from leaving school around 1924 until its closure in the late sixties. This photograph is of the clicking room employees in 1940.

My Uncle Horace also worked at the Excel factory as a shoe finisher before leaving in 1939 to work at Ratcliffe Aerodrome towards the war effort. He later founded Derrys Roses (now Derrys Nurseries) in Cossington.

During wartime companies had to 'concentrate' which meant that two companies would temporarily join together and the Excel merged with a firm that made slippers.

Although the Excel had enjoyed prosperous times by the 1960s decline had set it and 'short time' became a regular feature of work there. I recall on occasions my father would not have to return to work on Friday afternoons and sometimes not at all on Fridays which left a considerable hole in the family finances. The eventual closure hit him hard although he was very positive and immediately found work at Ken Saunders engineering.

Stephen Derry

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BITTERSWEET JOY FOR £10,000 WINNER

There is one local lady who never looks forward to 2nd January as it is the day, 25 years ago, when her husband died. Following a telephone call from Lottery Manager Liz Singleton the lady will have both bitter and sweet memories of the day in future as it was on 2nd January 2009 that she received a telephone call from Liz Singleton to tell her that she had won £10,000 in the LOROS Lottery 2008 Bumper Prize Draw. The lucky lady, who wishes to remain anonymous, said later “the call brightened my day and I will have better memories of the anniversary in future”.

On the strength of her win by the time Liz Singleton visited to deliver the cheque the recipient had already been out and bought herself a new television/dvd (the first dvd player she had ever owned). The whole family including her children and grandchildren go on a family holiday every year so the winner also has plans to treat her family and go a little more ‘upmarket’ than the tent they have used in the past.

Having recently read about the new extension being built at the hospice LOROS also benefited from her win with a donation back to the charity. Liz Singleton commented “it was so kind of our winner to share her luck with the hospice, she had paid for her Bumper Prize Draw tickets and played the lottery on a regular basis so to donate as well was a wonderful gesture”.

The winner has supported LOROS for some time now, not only playing the lottery but in other ways too, including asking for donations in lieu of flowers following the death of her Mum in 2000. Having visited friends in the hospice she told Liz that she felt it was a very comfortable and peaceful place and somewhere that she was very pleased to be able to support.

Everyone at LOROS sends congratulations to the lucky winner and a huge thank you for your kindness and for allowing us to tell your story.

LOROS Lottery members may choose whether they wish to take part in publicity and at what level, it is not a condition of entry.

Playing the LOROS Lottery costs £1 per entry per week and gives members a weekly 1 in 60 chance of winning up to £2,000. Anyone wishing to support LOROS by playing the LOROS Lottery can ring the helpline on 0116 2318430 for more information or visit a LOROS shop to purchase £1 scratch cards.

Homefield College is an independent specialist college for young adults with autism, communication difficulties and learning difficulties based in Sileby and managed by the Homefield College Charitable Trust.

The old sweet shop, Liquorice on the High Street in Sileby was an enterprise run by Homefield College and it finally closed its doors for the last time in June 2008. Homefield College had set up the shop to provide a work-based learning environment for its students. Originally the shop sold gifts and next opened as traditional sweet shop. For some time the college had been keen to increase its provision of work-based learning and in December 2007 the old picture framing shop in Barrow became available. The project of converting the shop to a café was at times ‘testing’ to say the least, but with a lot of hard work and determination a superb café emerged, named “Barrow of Treats.” The characteristics of the building have been preserved and the café area merges modern minimalist style with old beams and natural stone walls. The kitchen area is reflective of a modern commercial kitchen designed to specifications.

The charity ‘Homefield College’ used its own resources to set up the café to provide a work-based learning environment, as well as providing links to the local community and encouraging partnerships with other worthy organisations which are involved in provision for people with disabilities.

On Saturday, 28th February the usual hustle and bustle of the Barrow-upon-Soar High Street was brought to a halt at noon, for the official opening of “Barrow of Treats.” The Mayor of Charnwood, Councillor Stephen Campbell and the Mayoress Councillor Brenda Seaton drew a large crowd



outside the cafe. The gathering brought to a halt all pedestrian traffic and held up all road traffic as the drivers’ interest was captured. After the ribbon had been cut by the

Mayor, the gathered crowd sampled home-made soups and drinks in celebration of the formal opening. A local village resident volunteered his opinion of the café cum sweetshop as a “superb addition to the village’s resources”. The official opening was a great success and demand for service was non-stop. A tombola on the day raised over £150 to support five students from the college to perform in swimming and athletics at the forthcoming Special Olympics in Leicester from 25th to 29th July.

“Barrow of Treats” is a small tea room, sweet shop and internet café offering home-baked cakes and biscuits, home-made soup, freshly-made meals and drinks made from high quality – often organic and locally-sourced - ingredients. As well as that, the café also provides a practical and real training and learning opportunity for students from Homefield College.

Homefield College would like to say a huge thank you to all the support that the residents of Sileby have and continue to give to us and to invite you to our new café: Barrow of Treats on the High Street in Barrow Upon Soar and also our Ebay enterprise “Aladkins Cave” (located in the Ladkins hosiery factory) which will sell items for a small fee.

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