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Foreword

Sileby Christmas Lights will be switched on Friday 6th December.
Festivities start at 6pm.

THIS ISSUES FRONT cover features a reproduction painting done by local artist Mary Austin, you can read more about here and her work inside this edition.

Christmas is nearly upon us again and you should be reading this just before the village Christmas lights are switched on, the evening event is always very popular and well attended, if you haven't been before why not come along this year and be part of the fun, I always think it makes a very good start to the Christmas period. Why not also check out our local Churches special Christmas services, these can be found listed on page 17.

The editorial committee would like to wish all Sileby residents a very Happy Christmas.



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Sileby Cricket Club

THE 2013 CRICKET season is now done and dusted—it doesn't seem five minutes since the fixture list was being finalised and player registrations were being completed. How time does, indeed, fly.

Mixed in with the usual array of league and cup fixtures was a friendly match for President's Day with Sileby welcoming the touring Hythe Green Cricket Club to Mill Lane. You may be wondering where the link between Everards League Sileby Town and Kent Regional League comes from? We both share the same President.

Ken Jones will be known to many around the village for his work on the council and with the cricket club itself, but his association with Hythe Green goes back many years and it was

a pleasure to welcome Ken, his family, guests and Hythe Green to Mill Lane to celebrate his first year as STCC President. We hope that Ken has enjoyed his first season as President.

Back to on field news and the next generation of Sileby cricketers have had a good season, with the Under 11s hardball team reaching the area finals and the Under 15s getting to the County North Group finals before both were eliminated. However, the progress of all of the junior sides bodes well for the future of the club.

We will again be running cricket courses for beginners over the winter, full details will be available on the club website once venues and timings have been confirmed. However, if you have a son or daughter who would be interested

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in playing cricket we'd be delighted to hear from you. Any interested players should contact Junior Manager Richard James on 07713 132650 or email yesnosorry@hotmail.co.uk.

In terms of senior success we must start with the Sileby Town Ladies, who went through their league season unbeaten to gain promotion from the Women's Midlands League Division Two North East, accumulating 157 points in the process. If you are interested in playing Women's or Girl's cricket, please contact Ladies Coordinator Gill Loveridge on 07966 979370.

From the men's teams, the First XI won the Loughborough Charity Cup for the second time in our history with a win over Shepshed Town, the Thursday XI retained their Evening

League title but lost out by 5 runs in the final of the Joe Orton Cup against Cropston.

Away from the cup competitions both the First XI and Second XI maintained their places in the Premier Division and Division Two respectively, although the Seconds left it late to go on a run of eight games without defeat to haul themselves out of the drop zone. The Third XI have had another strong season, based around the junior players developed by the club, and will finish in the top five in Division Six. With no promotion being on offer due to the league restructure, with the new pyramid structure coming in for the 2014 season with all of the leagues in Leicestershire forming to fall

in line under the Premier League. Finally, the Sunday XI obtained their highest finish in the Grantham League with the junior members of the club, once again, to the fore.

A massive thank you goes out to all those who have supported the club during the season, your support is much appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you at Mill Lane in 2014 to enjoy another successful season of cricket for your village club.

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The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The committee acknowledges their responsibility under the constitution for keeping proper accounting records for preparing accounts.

Based on my work as appointed internal auditor nothing has come to my attention to refute the committee's confirmation that the above financial statement has been properly prepared from the accounting records for the year ended 30 September 2013 and is therefore a true record of all transactions during that period.

R K Kinton AIB (ret'd)

A year at the Green Place



A BUSY YEAR AT The Green Place started with a re-landscaping of the entrance. A new path was created (in the snow) using reclaimed railway sleepers and raised beds were removed to make way for a grassed area made from turf rescued from a skip! The new look was a hit with everyone and made the approach more accessible and inviting for all.

We reopened on Saturday 21st March (the first day of spring) with snow on the ground and the woodburning stove ablaze in the cafe. The cold weather did not put off our regular supporters who were pleased to see us open our doors again to a year of great food, events and workshops all in a little oasis in the heart of Sileby. These have ranged from our ever popular music days to activities like kite making, shield painting and crochet classes.

'Complete Wasters', the group that run the Green Place, have had a successful summer providing recycling services for a series of outdoor classical concerts in historic places. Waking up in the grounds of the regal surroundings of venues such as Blenheim Palace and Highclere Castle (aka Downton Abbey) have been the highlights for many of our volunteer recyclers who help at these events.

We have also taken our popular Groovy Records workshop, making old LPs into mirrors and photo frames, to several festivals including Green Man and End of the Road as well as into Charnwood schools.

Also we were delighted to receive a grant from the Midlands Coop towards the refurbishment of our polytunnel to enable it to be used for various craft activities and organic veg growing for use in the cafe.

The Green Place continues to offer work experience for the long term unemployed and those with special needs, allowing volunteers to gain confidence doing a variety of useful tasks including gardening, DIY projects, café help and admin work.

We are planning an even greater range of events and activities for 2014 which we hope you will support and have a few festive treats in store before we close for the winter on Saturday Dec 22nd.

Do come in and see what we have to offer and support this worthy enterprise into the future. We have: a gift shop selling a great range of ethical and unusual products, a cafe with delicious cakes and lunches made with local and fairtrade produce, a second-hand book hut, peaceful garden, yurt tent for cafe space or party and workshop hire, a



tree house with toys and games for kids, computer shop with great value recycled laptops and pcs.

We have plans for more to come in the future but rely on the goodwill of many volunteers and visitors to come in and spend a few pounds. Please support us in any way you can. Follow us on Facebook - and help us reach our target of 500 Likes by Christmas - or email us at info@completewasters.co.uk to join our supporters list for a brief monthly update. Or simply come in for a chat about volunteering. We look forward to seeing you!

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Theresa of the White Swan



IN THE EARLY sixties most little girls wanted to be ballet dancers, pop singers or have their own ponies—but not Theresa; she wanted to be a cook. At the age of four she was helping her mother, an accomplished cook, prepare the family meals—becoming devoted to cooking. At senior school the curriculum allowed those students who did not excel at Latin to take the cookery course. Theresa's Latin was below par!

Her's was an academic family—both parents were graduates, her mother Librarian at Durham Cathedral and her father, a lecturer at Durham University, had a doctorate in English. They had taken it for granted that their children would follow similar career routes. However, Theresa retained her love of cooking, and said no to university; disappointed and puzzled, they had little choice but to allow this rebellious daughter to go her own way.

Aged seventeen, with no formal training, she bluffed her way into the position of third chef at The Green Man in Brackley Hatch—a prestigious establishment near Silverstone, patronised by Graham Hill, James Hunt and other well known figures from the

world of motor sport—high standards were expected.

“Promotion” came for Theresa rather sooner than she had anticipated—she had only been there three weeks when the head chef left—slightly shell-shocked as the new No 2 Chef she found herself in charge of the kitchen on the No. 1 chef's days off! Very inexperienced, she survived by regularly finding the following day's menu and spending her off-duty time researching the dishes in her collection of recipe books.

Theresa was widowed whilst at the Packe Arms in Hoton – Nicholson's decreed that with a small child to consider she would not be able to run the pub on her own, but eventually they offered her the tenancy of the White Swan here in Sileby. This was in 1983 and by Christmas of that year the old off-sales had been converted into a kitchen, and Theresa was serving meals.

It had been an uphill battle, with no-one supporting her, least of all the brewery. The regulars, perhaps fearing that their local was about to be turned into a chromium-plated gastro-pub where only “suits” would be welcome, said it would never work. Never-the-less, Theresa's kitchen flourished—helped by her success in Calor-Gas and Guinness cookery competitions the White Swan was attracting new business from far and wide, but still retaining its character as a village pub.

It was a shock when in 1992 the Monopolies and Mergers Commission decreed that the brewery would have to sell some of its pubs; Theresa had a week to raise the money to buy the premises – her puzzled father could only shake his head and ask “why would anyone want to peel potatoes every day for the rest of their life?”—but eventually brought the “Bank of M&D” to the rescue.

Since that day Theresa has never looked back and The White Swan has developed its own very special comfortable style—there's nothing pretentious about the pictures, ornaments and curios which adorn the walls and shelves—they are all mementoes



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from Theresa's life and family—watercolours of Durham cathedral—her father's mortarboard and her great aunt's corset – amusing items given her by customers—and a special area of wall for staff to bang their heads in times of stress!

There is no need for me to tell you about Theresa's wonderful cooking—using local meats from Glenn Lewin, and vegetables from North's of Rothley—and, when available, produce grown here in Sileby—just mention The White Swan Sileby—people know. Following the links on the website www.thewhiteswansileby.co.uk will tell you everything you need to know—all the menus are there, and the opening hours. Special anniversary coming up? You can book a private room in The White Swan for a buffet or sit down meal; planning a really big “do” at home or in a hall somewhere?—Theresa has a varied outside catering menu.

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2013—Thirty years since Theresa first walked through the door of the “Swan”—thirty years since she began serving food there—but it is still a comfortable, no-nonsense village pub with a loyal band of devoted regulars—and great home cooked meals served by friendly and cheerful staff. She doesn't usually “do” looking back and regrets—but Theresa does wish that her father had been able to see accolades The Swan has earned—and how happy and content his daughter is—even though she is still peeling potatoes every day!

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Mary Austin, a Sileby artist

MARY WAS NON too happy when she knew she was moving to Sileby at the beginning of the seventies; not that she had anything against Sileby—it was just that she hated leaving her beloved Gloucestershire where she and her husband had spent the first years of their married life. Her parents had lived in Woolwich, where Mary was born, but when the Blitz destroyed the family home they evacuated to Loughborough. Her mother had been brought up in Thorpe Acre, so for her it was a home-coming. Luckily her father's training as a coppersmith enabled him to find work as a boilermaker at "The Brush".

She had enjoyed painting at school, and went on to study art at Brighton College of Art and

Loughborough College of Art & Design. Art became an important part of her life—but it had to be fitted in with the demands of running a home and caring for their four children. Her mother-in-law ran a pub, so becoming landlords of the Railway Inn in Sileby was perhaps inevitable.

Slightly to her surprise, she began to enjoy life as a landlady—Sileby was a busy place in those days (the early seventies) and Mary soon got to know the folk who crowded in to buy their lunchtime cobs—learning all their nicknames and joining in the fun when there was a wedding coming up. At lunchtime the bride-to-be would be brought in, dressed up in a make-shift wedding dress which her friends decorated by pinning on various appropriate (and occasionally un-mentionable!) items! Maybe they shared a few Babychams or Bacardi and cokes—but these were undoubtedly rather sedate affairs compared to today's costly and often reckless "Hen Parties".

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Their four children found that they had a huge adventure playground behind the pub—the area which we now know as the Tesco car park was at that time an orchard—trees to climb and a place for their pet rabbits and Guinea pigs. Chickens provided the family with eggs while pigs made themselves useful eating scraps before becoming an addition to the family's menu!

Mary was still enjoying her painting, and many of her customers willingly became artist's models as she sketched them in preparation for a painting. A little Honda 125 motorbike gave Mary the means to travel far and wide with her sketchbook and watercolours—though she has always preferred to make paintings of people, rather than landscapes. I love the two gentlemen on the front cover—you can practically hear them setting the world to rights!

The family remained at the Railway for 21 years, until 1991 when they moved to the Working



Men's Club, eventually retiring from pub work in 2002. Despite her busy life, Mary continued with her art—including using old photographs of Sileby to make black and white sketches of the village—some of which were used for the covers of early editions of the “Stockade”. In recent years she has taken up sculpture, using air hardening clays—she showed me a truly characterful model of an elderly gentleman sitting on a park bench, deep in thought.

Mary's paintings and other artworks have been exhibited in galleries in Nottingham, Leicester



and Loughborough, and in the Charnwood Museum in Loughborough. Here in Sileby we have some of her paintings in the Council offices. An exhibition at Nottingham Castle was to prove pivotal in Mary's artistic life—the purchaser of one of her sculptures asked to see more of her work and as a result of this she was invited to join the Nottingham Society of Artists. As a member of the society she has access to studio space, models and display space in exhibitions—but above all there she can work with other artists—something taken for granted in her student days, but sadly missed in the intervening years.

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No longer using a motor bike, getting to the studio involves Mary in a complicated and time-consuming journey using public transport but she considers it well worth the effort for the opportunity to meet and share ideas with like minded people and experiment with different techniques and media. These days Mary fills her time with her art—sometimes becoming so engrossed that she forgets mealtimes—though her cats make it their business to remind her that Food is Important! She occasionally accepts commissions—if you would like to get in touch with her you can do so via this magazine, and we will pass on your contact details. ❧



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Christmas Services

Saint Gregory's Sileby

<i>Joint Carol Service in Syston</i>	Sunday 22 December	3:30pm
<i>Children's Mass in Sileby</i>	Christmas Eve	6:00pm
<i>Night Mass in Syston</i>	Christmas Eve	9:00pm
<i>Dawn Mass in Sileby</i>	Christmas Day	9:00am
<i>Day Mass in Syston</i>	Christmas Day	10:30am



Baptist Church Sileby

<i>Christmas Family Carol Service</i>	Sunday 15 December	6:00pm
<i>Christmas Day Family Service</i>	Christmas Day	10:30am



Saint Mary's Sileby

<i>Christingle service</i>	Sunday 8 December	4:00pm
<i>Nativity Service</i>	Sunday 22 December	11:00am
<i>Family Carol service</i>	Christmas Eve	4:00pm
<i>Carol service</i>	Christmas Eve	6:30pm
<i>Holy Communion</i>	Christmas Eve	11:30pm
<i>Christmas celebration</i>	Christmas Day	10:30am



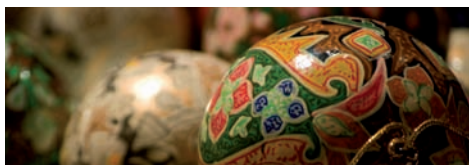
Cossington Parish Church

<i>Carol service</i>	Sunday 15 December	7:00pm
<i>Christmas celebration</i>	Christmas Day	9:30am



Seagrave Parish Church

<i>Family Carol service</i>	Sunday 1 December	5:00pm
<i>Carol service</i>	Sunday 15 December	5:00pm
<i>Christmas celebration</i>	Christmas Day	9:30am





The Geese

*There go the geese
Squawking across the Sileby sky,
Following the path of The River Soar
And the water meadows by.
How many years have we heard them now
Or watched their flight go by;
How many autumns have they heralded in
With their solemn sign in the sky?
Years without number. I like to think
That not a year will go by
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IN THIS, THE magazine's second decade, it seems appropriate to look back at how it came into being, the people who made it happen – and the people who are producing it today.

Early in 21st century, a village questionnaire showed that people would like a Sileby Village magazine; a committee was formed, which included among others, Ken Jones, Lionel Blower and the late Roy Brown. These three formed the core of the magazine committee with Ken and Lionel still playing an integral role in its production and distribution. The magazine was given a start-up grant of £2000 by the Parish Council – and Lionel appointed treasurer (a position which he still holds)

Lionel's volunteer interests are many and varied – in 1964 he discovered an interest in photography and joined the Sileby Photographic Society where he developed his skills, going on to win numerous awards in the society's annual exhibition. His interest in village history has led him to producing a DVD "Sileby then and Now" which has sold 150 copies, and being asked to research and produce a photographic record of the cemetery – this can be seen on the Parish Council website. His images and articles about the village appear regularly in the magazine. He became interested in stamps, joining the Loughborough and District Philatelic Society in 1978, served two terms as President before being



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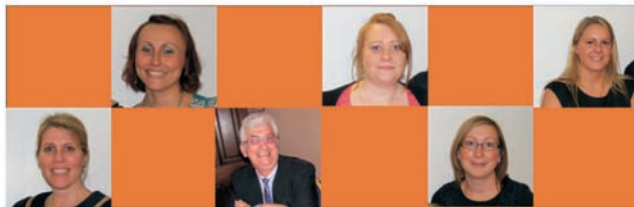
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made an Honorary member in 2008. Recently he became a Trustee of the Sileby United charities, which controls charitable funds distributed annually to elderly Sileby residents.

When in 1969 Main Line Preservation Group was formed Lionel became a member, and later played an active part in the restoration of the Quorn and Woodhouse Station. In 1973 the Main Line Steam Trust Limited was formed - Lionel was invited to join the Board - and became the holder of Share certificate no 1 when the Great Central Railway issued shares in 1976. He led the team which got Loughborough Central Station up and running again, going on to hold at various times, the posts of Director and Chair of the two organisations - in 1980 he was designated an Honorary Member. His photographic skills were called upon when he produced the DVD "The Great Central Railway - the story so far" which is sold at the stations, raising funds for the restoration project.

A Cossington allotment, previously worked by his father, keeps Lionel and his wife Rosemary well supplied with fruit and vegetables - and enough over to share with friends and neighbours. It must be something of a record - the allotment has been with his family since 1964!

Talk@Sileby could not exist without the income from sale of advertising space - and in this the businesses of Sileby and the surrounding area have supported the magazine most nobly - three businesses, B Yates Plumbing, Sileby Pet Supplies and Richards' Opticians - have advertised in virtually every issue - Lanza and Smartly Stitch have become regulars, and around ninety others advertise from time to time. To all of them, we say

a big thank you - it is due to them that despite ups and downs, and the recession, most of that start-up grant has been replaced and is in the bank, available if needed. Managing the advertising and collecting the revenue has been added to Lionel's role as treasurer.

This article would not be complete without a tribute to that most important group of people, the deliverers. We are fortunate in having around forty-five folk, all volunteers like the rest of us, who three times a year give an hour or two of their time and between them put a copy of the magazine through every letterbox in the village - we salute and thank you. Also, a heartfelt thank-you to the people who have responded to our recent appeal for more deliverers - with the growth of the village, and people moving away, Lionel regularly needs to re-arrange the delivery rounds. We would welcome another two volunteers who would be able to deliver to the new developments - the top of Seagrave road, and Stanage Road.

In the next few issues we shall tell more about how the magazine is produced, and the people who make it happen; all that we ask of you, our readers - the people of Sileby - is that you read and enjoy the magazine - tell us what you would like to see in the magazine - contribute if you have something to say, either a letter to the editor or an article to be considered for publication and, most importantly, support our advertisers, telling them that you have seen their advertisement in Talk@Sileby.

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Consultation results have been published

THE RESULTS OF the County Council's consultation about how it can save £110 million and reshape services were published on 21st October.

The Deputy Leader of the County Council, Byron Rhodes, has said: "I'd like to thank everyone who took part in our consultation, which will inform the difficult decisions we have to take to save £110 million – a third of our budget.

The public has identified services totalling around £32 million which they would be prepared to see reduced. That is certainly a useful starting point. However, there are other services, which account for £64 million, which the public would not want to see reduced.

No decisions have been made yet and we're still considering the results but it shows that we still have a lot of work to do to tackle our problems."

Residents said that the top ten services the Council should save money from are:

1. Street Lighting
2. Grants To Communities
3. Funding For Agencies
4. Travel To Schools
5. Grass-Cutting
6. Early Learning
7. Children's Centres
8. Funding For Businesses
9. School support
10. Museums

The top 9 services on this list had more than 50 per cent of respondents saying they wanted to make a reduction, either "a great deal" or "to some extent". Together, these nine services account for about £32 million of spending.

Residents said that the top ten services the Council should protect are:


1. Gritting
2. Older People, Community Services
3. Older People, Prevention
4. Roads And Paths
5. Mental Health
6. Older People, Residential Services
7. Physical Disabilities
8. Learning Disabilities – Community Services
9. Trading Standards
10. Safety Maintenance

In the case of the services numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 above more than half of respondents said the service should not be reduced at all. Those five services account for £64 million of spending.

Most of the services that people wanted to protect – especially care services – have some of the Council's largest budgets. The exception is gritting, which is the top priority for residents but has a relatively small budget.

The full report is available at www.leics.gov.uk/future

The consultation findings are being considered by the Council's Scrutiny Commission and Cabinet during November.

Budget proposals will be published in January and a meeting of the whole Council will take a final decision on 19th February. 

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THESE AWARDS ARE to recognise those individuals and teams in Sileby that have made and are making a positive contribution to Sileby life, and are showing leadership, initiative or commitment in the local community.

Categories:

- Young Person of the Year in Sileby Award
- Good Neighbour in Sileby Award
- Sileby–Lifetime Achievement Award
- Sileby Team of the Year

Awards will be given for an exceptional contribution, performance or commitment in the past year. The Lifetime Award is for an exceptional contribution, performance or commitment to Sileby over a period of at least 10 years.

Criterion:

The award can only be given to people who live or work in Sileby or a team that works in or represents Sileby

- The nominator must live or work in Sileby
- No serving Councillor or Officer may receive an award
- These will made at an awards ceremony to coincide with the Annual Parish Meeting

Process:

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Peter Harding (Associate Director at Sinclair) said;

'We are delighted to sponsor Sileby Town FC and have always tried to get involved within the communities in which we operate, the same as our other three offices. I have lived in the area since the age of eleven, my children are schooled locally and I enjoy selling and letting property in the area I love living in, and it is nice to give something back.

Looking at the focus and passion that Phil Williamson (Chairman), Anne Bettles (Secretary) and Charlie Hoyes (Committee)

have for Sileby Town, if we can continue in our business with the same enthusiasm and passion we will surely be looking forward to a good season and continued success'

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The Banks surgery

WE HAVE SOME very exciting news at The Banks Surgery! We are pleased to announce that we now offer a 'full online service' to all patients who are registered at the Practice. Not only can you pre-book telephone call-backs with a GP, you can also request your monthly/weekly prescriptions, all from one convenient location! All you need to do is speak to reception and ask for your log-in details and then sign in to your online account – it really is that simple!

We are also pleased to announce that we currently have availability for patients to join our Patient Reference Group (the "Friends of the Banks Surgery") which gives you the opportunity to contribute to the betterment of our practice. We are seeking individuals, who want to play an active role in our group, so please do get in touch if you are interested.

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Heroes

Sileby Men And Women Serving In H M Forces (To Nov 1944)

A FEW WEEKS ago I was loaned a copy by Linda Newton (thank you) of the below list which contains the following details of some:

- 570 Sileby people giving surname, initials and rank (no regiment number etc)
- 15 Sileby people prisoners of war
- 25 Sileby people died in action
- 340 Sileby people with different surnames! E.g 28 different Smiths!!

Considering Sileby only consisted of 7 roads, 5 streets and about 2 lanes there would have

been a lot of men and women missing from the village and it would have been even worse in World War One.

If anyone has a later list or similar covering WW1 or WW2 and any photos that could be used in 'Heroes' I would be very grateful.

Happy Christmas and thank you to all the Sileby Folk who have checked folders, lent photographs and named 100's of faces, carry on... please.

Geoff Rose-geoffreyrose@yahoo.co.uk

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Remembered With Honour On the Sileby War Memorial



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Husband of Majorie C Betts

Sileby Parish Council secures £50,000 from Sporting Legacy Fund

SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL has secured Olympic legacy funding from Sport England's Inspired Facilities fund. Sileby Parish Council will receive £50,000 of National Lottery funding to replace an outdated worn out skatepark with a modern fully fit for purpose extended concrete skatepark.

There have been many more young people wanting to do BMXing since the sport made its debut at the London Games last summer. The facility we plan to build will capture this interest locally and be open to all. It will be a lasting reminder on our park of London 2012 locally, for years to come.

We would like to mention the especially hard work of the young people to help develop the project. They have organised their own fund raising events, sought sponsorship from local businesses and taken the time to do the research to demonstrate why the village needs a better facility and they have developed a plan for how it will be used over the coming years. They have helped design it too so that it will serve all ages and abilities.

Rosemary Richardson
Clerk to Sileby Parish Council

What do patients think of GPs?

EARLIER THIS YEAR a sample of doctors' patients filled in questionnaires asking for their views. The surveys were developed by Patient Participation Groups. These groups exist across the UK and engage patients in how their GP surgeries are managed. Some PPGs built on 'Friends of' surgery groups but the PPGs have more clout - the NHS now takes much more notice of what patients think and PPGs are one route to improving your experience of local health services. Wherever you are registered with a doctor, there will be a PPG and you can take your views, concerns and criticisms direct to the group or become one of its members.

Woodhouse Eaves Cottage Surgery 'Friends' were already active and had helped the GP to buy a range of equipment so that patients could avoid

having to go to a hospital for routine screening or monitoring that could be easily done locally with the right tools. This is helpful for village communities which often have fewer transport options. Woodhouse Eaves has only one bus an hour and it doesn't go to any of the hospitals in the county. Also, local screening and monitoring delivers quick results and quick action if needed.

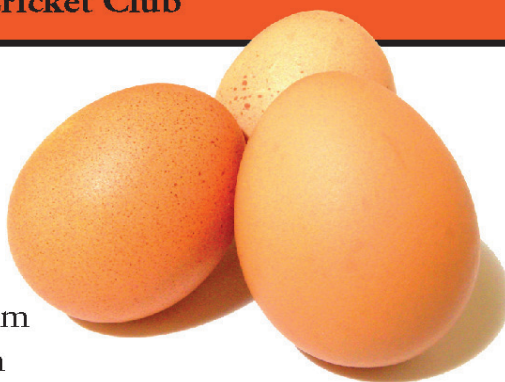
The results of the 2013 survey were similar to the 2012 one - patients were almost universally positive about the practice but offered comments and suggestions for the PPG to discuss with the practice management team. The two survey action plans have resulted in: new waiting room flooring and a re-paint; cleanable toys for waiting children; badges for all staff so you can distinguish between their specialisms; continuity in 'supply' doctors



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when the GP is absent; clearer answerphone messages when the surgery is closed; online prescription renewals; online appointment bookings; information on common conditions; and a better access drive for which planning permission has since been granted. With the PPG's help, the surgery has been able to increase and improve its services. For group members, and hopefully all patients registered with Dr Clay's practice, it has been well worth the effort.

Ask your GP's receptionist for how to contact your surgery's PPG. The Cottage Surgery PPG paperwork is on the surgery website at www.thecottagesurgery.co.uk/ppg.aspx



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Charnwood Orchestra's 40th anniversary GALA concert

In a whole year of celebrations, Charnwood Orchestra highlights its Gala Concert on November 30th: 40 years ago its founder and conductor, Jo O'Reilly first raised his baton for this new orchestra in Rawlins College, Quorn. Although the orchestra has undoubtedly moved a long way forward, some of us can still remember our founder most fondly.

The concert is on Saturday November 30th in Emmanuel Church, Forest Road, Loughborough and will start at 7.30.

It is a GALA concert in several ways: we're having birthday music (Stravinski's Greeting Prelude); two concertos with two soloists (Saint Saens' Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso with Tom Bowes as our violin soloist and Debussy's

Premiere Rhapsody with Thomas Caldecote playing clarinet); celebration music (Berlioz's Roman Carnival Overture and Poulenc's Les Biches) and to round off what will be a really exciting evening, The Sorcerer's Apprentice by Dukas. After the concert, the audience is invited to a (free) birthday party with the players and soloists including a birthday cake, and bubbly.

Tickets will cost £15 (concessions £14) and £3 for accompanied children under 16. They are available from the Box Office: 07718153117, or by emailing judithrodgers155@gmail.com or from members of the orchestra or on the door. Further details about the Orchestra and the pieces we are playing are on our website www.charnwoodorchestra.org.uk

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Sileby Town RFC

Vikings Update

FOLLOWING SUCCESSIVE PROMOTIONS in the Leicestershire Leagues, Sileby Vikings took the massive step of joining the National Leagues for the 2013/2014 season. A great step for a club only formed in 2006.

After a summer of intense training and three pre-season games, Sileby Vikings opened their National League campaign in style with a crushing 69-0 Home win over Creswell Crusaders.

The following Saturday we played in our first ever National Cup competition against higher league opposition. Unfortunately a lackluster opening 15 minutes gave us too much of a hill to climb and Chesterfield Panthers ran out 23-8 winners.

Next up was an away match at Gainsborough, and again we were victorious running out 41-3 winners.

Our next league match was again away at Mede Vale – a north Nottinghamshire former pit village – a strong gusting wind and a determined home side made for a tighter game than should have been the

case, and again we were the victors winning 24-6.

With an unbeaten start to the League season with 3 bonus point wins, we currently sit 3rd in the table, with the games in hand against the teams above us. A great start to our League campaign.

A very pleasing aspect to Sileby Town RFC this season is the recruitment of many new players, both young and old, and both experienced and inexperienced – 6 of the new recruits have never played rugby before.

This influx of players has led to a development team being formed and they have already played several fixtures.

So if you fancy a run out, come along. Training is on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Please call the coach Brian Taylor on 07970 682337 or if you prefer to just support us our remaining home games of the year are: 23rd November, 14th December and 21st December.

All K.O at 2.15PM at Platts Lane, Cossington.



Sileby Gardening Gnomes garden group

THE "GNOMES" MEET every month on the second Wednesday of the month at Sileby Methodist Church in King Street, Sileby at 7.30pm. The fee is either £3 per meeting or £18 for the year (ending May 2014).



Everyone is welcome and the programme for 2013/14 is as follows.

December 11th	Orchids a Talk by Richard Yates
January 8th	Around the World–audio visual presentation by Lionel Blower and Nigel Atkins
February 12th	The Woodland Trust–a talk by Ian Retson
March 12th	Natural Therapy using Seeds–a talk by Libby Jelley
April 9th	Hardy Perennials–a talk by Helen Osborne from Radio Leicester
May 14th	A.G.M.



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