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Sileby Town manager, Steve Hendey, is in his fifth season at the club and has been re-united this season with his former assistant, Pete Humphreys. The pair enjoyed success previously at Holwell Sports F.C. The reserves are managed by Ian Bettles who has taken over the role as player-manager and is assisted by Phil Riley.

The bulk of the squad has been together for a while now but manager, Hendey, is always looking to strengthen, and any new recruits have to buy in to the team ethic as both Hendey and Bettles believe the club will only move forward with the emphasis on team spirit and hard work, allied of course to ability.

Sileby Town are well known throughout the league for their friendliness and hospitality, and Chairman, Phil Williamson, and the hard working Committee make sure the Club is a success behind the scenes, with the Club boasting the largest following in the league.

Both teams are hoping to continue their good form and to be around when the honours are decided at the end of the season again, and provided the players stay focused, then the good times should continue.



Goal 5 going in against Cottesmore Amateurs on 15th February 2015, final score 5-0

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## County Councillor's News

I have recently had the pleasure of working with the team of local people who have come forward to develop a plan to keep Sileby Library open. I should like to offer them my congratulations on their enthusiasm and commitment, and look forward to continuing to work with them. An update from the team on progress appears elsewhere in the magazine.

I was present at the well-attended Public Meeting organized last October by the Parish Council, at which a range of concerns were forcefully expressed. I welcome the Parish Council's decision to follow up on issues and its invitation to "act together".

This article gives me the opportunity to report on the County Council's recent budget decisions. The County's share of the Council Tax will be increased by 1.99% for 2015 – 2016, the first rise in four years. The Council will need to save £81.6 million over the next four years, including £35 million of efficiency savings. Government grant will reduce by £15.9 million (or 12.4%) next year. The Council forecasts a £4.7 million budget shortfall by 2018 – 2019, but this is down from £9 million, due in part to extra Council Tax income.

So the outlook is certainly concerning, but the Council's four year Medium Term Financial Strategy allows it to plan and manage its finances carefully. It is still very difficult to estimate the impact on jobs, although current proposals are likely to reduce the Council's workforce by 700 full-time posts over the next four years.

However, there is also some good news. The Council has a significant capital programme, some £229 million of investment over the next four years, including new school places, highways maintenance, LED street lighting conversion and Loughborough Science Park, to name just a few. This should all support jobs.

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In May 2015 there will be local Parish Council Elections and 15 Parish Councillors will be required to serve Sileby Parish Council.

Sileby Parish Council is one of the larger parishes within Leicestershire and Rutland. It has an electorate of 6000+ and employs 8 members of staff (FT and PT). Its income and expenditure exceeds £200,000. It provides facilities for its community eg Sports Pavilion, Play Areas, Community Centre and Allotments and manages the Cemetery.

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**Rosemary Richardson (Clerk)**

## OVERVIEW OF SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS

### What is meant by 'Section 106'?

Planning obligations are commonly secured under legally binding agreements, known as Section 106 (S106) agreements, which are entered into by persons with an interest in a piece of land (often a developer). They are associated with a particular development, and as they are a legal charge on the land, they transfer automatically with any change in ownership.

### What do S106 agreements require a developer to do?

They require a developer to enter into obligations to provide additional funding for services and/or undertake specific works to offset the extra pressure created by new development. They do this through improvements to local infrastructure and facilities to ensure that wherever possible a development makes a positive contribution to the local area and Community.

Any planning obligation however must meet ALL three legal tests of being:

- necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms,
- directly related to the development; and
- fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

### What types of community benefits can be included in Planning Obligations?

- Affordable Housing
- Primary and Secondary Education
- Creation, maintenance and adoption of open space and recreation facilities

Provision or adoption of new highways and public rights of way  
Library books and materials  
Healthcare facilities  
Police facilities  
Community facilities  
Travel Plans

Any community benefits that are asked for need to pass the three legal tests and should not be to address an already **existing** deficiency.

### **Who is involved in negotiating the agreement?**

Planning Obligations are negotiated between the Local Planning Authority and the developer/land owner in consultation with a number of key external stakeholders including The County Council, The Police and the Primary Care Trust. They can also be offered up by a developer without the Local Authority signing up to the document as a Unilateral Undertaking (UU). UUs are usually only used for smaller developments with limited contributions. Planning permission is only granted once a S106 agreement has been signed.

### **Do all developments have a S106 agreement?**

S106 agreements are drawn up when it is considered that a development will have negative impacts on the local area that cannot be mitigated by means of conditions attached to the planning permission. For example, a new residential development can place additional pressure on the social, physical and economic infrastructure which already exists in the surrounding area.

All planning applications are assessed on a case by case basis and not all developments will require obligations. When a planning application is submitted to the Local Authority, an assessment is made of the likely type and level of mitigation required for a particular development.

### **Is it possible to influence S106 agreements?**

There are two main stages in the consultation process where ward councillors and members of the public can influence S106 agreements:

In response to developer's pre-application consultation with members of the public. Attendance at these public consultations provides an early opportunity to engage with the developer and identify appropriate community benefits needed, should the development go ahead

In response to statutory consultation when a planning application has been submitted to the local planning authority.

### **How are sums calculated from a developer?**

Deficits usually dictate the level of community benefits to be offered from a development. It is a variable process and not necessarily based on a cost per house or dictated on housing numbers. There are 3 steps to calculating sums:

The Local Planning Authority identify the short comings on the development that need to be mitigated through community benefits (E.g. affordable housing, open space)

'Peculiarities' to the development are identified and costed by the developer through a viability assessment (e.g. improvements needed to junction)

Certain obligations are triggered of a developer at certain sizes (e.g. certain number of houses will generate a certain requirement for open space).

### **When are contributions paid from the developer?**

There are trigger points in the S106 agreements for when monies are to be spent. S106 agreements are legally enforceable by the Local Planning Authority if the developer does not deliver a requirement by its trigger point.

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## **SILEBY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

The Society started the New Year with the results of the Annual Competition to determine the best colour and monochrome prints and the best digital image submitted by the members. The following week the trophies were presented at the Annual Dinner by the judge, Peter Cheetham, at Ferrari's Trattoria, Quorn together with other trophies won during the year.

Subsequent meetings have continued with a high standard of lectures on a variety of photographic subjects.

The second DVD produced by the Society 'Sileby – People and Places' has proved to be popular with just 10 copies remaining from the first order and a limited number of the first DVD 'Sileby – Then and Now'.

Meetings are held at 8pm on most Mondays in the Primary Room at the Sileby Community Centre and visitors to the Society are always welcome.

Forthcoming meetings –

April 13 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Quarterly Competition Judge: Steve Roper  
CPAGB

April 20 Imaginations Xtra Lecture: Graham Haywood DPAGB EFIAP

April 27 President's Evening Lionel Blower

May 11 Pictures on PemaJet Recorded lecture:  
Irene Froy EFIAP

May 18 Member's Evening

June 1 Annual General Meeting

June 8 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of Quarterly Competition  
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- \* Fair ground Rides.
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- \* Dog Agility Lessons.
- \* Skittles, Tombola, Hook-a-Duck and up to 40 other stalls.
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The bottles are supplied FREE of charge by the Lions Club thanks to generous donations from the public and businesses. In Sileby they are available from doctors' surgeries and chemists.

It is very easy to use – the bottle contains a form which can be filled in with details of illnesses, medications and next-of-kin; there are also two distinctive stickers – you put one on your fridge door and the other on the inside of your front door – this will tell the emergency services that your lifesaving information is in the bottle in the fridge.

Paramedics, police, fire-fighters and social services support this life-saving initiative and know to look in the fridge when they see the Lions Message in a Bottle stickers.

The Lions Message In a Bottle initiative is praised by hundreds of emergency services personnel. Senior North West Ambulance Service paramedic Steve Nicolls said: "It's of invaluable assistance to us when we have to attend an incident at someone's home." Talking to Nic Knowles on the BBC's Emergency Rescue programme, Andy Capes, South West Ambulance Service said he can rely on the Lions Message in a Bottle: "I use it on average two or three times a week; it saves time and lives."

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Robert Butler is the youngest member of the Talk@Sileby team – but even in his lifetime he has seen Sileby change enormously – and he is saddened by those changes – but more of this later.

Like his father and paternal grandfather he was born in Sileby - 27 years ago - and, apart from a short time in his early teens, he has lived in the village ever since. Educated at Redlands, Humphrey Perkins and Rawlins, for as long as he can remember Rob has felt a deep and close association with the Sileby community – he was going to Parish Council meetings when he was 14.

His first job was at Sunrise Poultry Farm, before moving on to work for Charnwood Borough Council as Sileby's Street Cleanser – a position which gave him the opportunity to spend most of his time out and about in the village he loves. He took enormous pride in keeping Sileby pristine, and both he and Sileby residents were saddened when circumstances caused him to be moved to work in other areas of the borough.

In 2009 when Rob was still a teenager it was the late Roy Brown who suggested him as a candidate for the Parish Council – with his intimate knowledge of the village, and having shown himself to be interested in Sileby affairs, he was ideal for the position. Rob has now added Voluntary Flood Warden to his responsibilities – when floods threaten, he makes visual checks of the river level as well as looking at the levels shown on the Environment Agency website, and taking into account the Met. Office forecasts; if he deems it necessary, he informs the County Council Highways Agency who send operatives with the necessary signs to close the roads – as we all know, usually Slash Lane, and, if the river is exceptionally high, Mountsorrel Lane, Mill Lane and Syston Road, near (Cossington Lock) as well.

Thankfully, these days the only houses in the village at risk from flooding are the lower houses on Herrick Drive and Preston Close, Brook Street and occasionally the roads off Brook Street – when they are threatened, it is the Flood Warden's responsibility to provide them with "sandbags". I thought that these were always small Hessian bags, filled with sand – not the handiest things for Rob to deliver! However, he explained to me that these bags are filled with a lightweight material which absorbs water and expands – when hydrated they perform exactly the same function as the traditional sandbag – but much easier to transport and store.

When the Working Men's Club needed a Bingo caller for Friday and Sunday evenings, Rob volunteered – when the Gala Committee was re-formed, Rob offered his services. He is deputy Chair of the Neighbourhood Watch group, is a member of the North Neighbourhood Watch Executive Committee, and attends the Charnwood Crime and Safety forum. He is also on the Library Committee, and a member of the RAOB. (The Buffaloes).

Knowing the village as intimately as Rob does makes him a valuable member of the magazine committee – he is able to channel information between the magazine committee and other village organisations, and is usually well up-to-date with village news.

With all these activities one is tempted to wonder if Rob has any free time for a social life – but somehow he found the time to meet Tina, from Loughborough – three years ago they were married here at St Mary's

Church. Tina supports him in all his activities – indeed Rob credits her with the suggestion that after the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial (in the Sileby memorial Park) the pavilion should be opened to serve tea, coffee and biscuits – Rob and Tina now run this together. The changes in the village which Rob has seen? So many things have closed down – the Youth Club, the British Legion, the St John's Ambulance Service – few of the small family businesses remain - the sense of community is fast being lost. We need more "Robs" – young people who are interested in their community and the village environment – young people (and indeed, their elders) who are prepared to give some of their time to supporting and promoting the community, and, above all – neighbourliness.

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## Behind the "Orange" Hoarding

I thought it would be interesting to remind ourselves of the buildings that once stood on the new "Davis" development at the Ratcliffe Road/ Cemetery road junction. see adjacent photo(s)



This area was first developed in 1903 when H C Bray bought a piece of land and had a factory built for the manufacture of boot and shoes. Before this the land had been used as allotments.

The factory, I am fairly certain, was extended over the next few years as production increased. Later the premises were purchased by "Newbold and Burtons" who were the major shoe manufacturer in the village they had started trading in approx 1915, and were looking to expand.

During the 1960/70s the factory, having ceased to be of use to Newbold and Burtons, was leased to "Sileby Boys Club", later to become the Youth Club.

By the late 1970s the site had been acquired by the "Belgrave Wire Works". In 1989 permission was obtained for the erection of the two storey offices ( see photo), and shortly after a car park at the rear was built on the old allotments.

By 2001 the company was trading under BWB Displays LTD, and later under the name SDI Displays LTD. The factory was vacated in 2007, when the workforce moved to Leicester. The buildings were demolished in June 2008

After more than 100 years another Sileby factory disappeared. I would be interested to hear from anyone who has memories of working on the premises. I can be contacted through "Talk Sileby" or at [peterbcampbell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:peterbcampbell@yahoo.co.uk)



The pupils of Highgate school have submitted some of their work to us. Year 5 have produced some poetry reflecting their thoughts on war. Year 2 pupils have written about living in Sileby.

## Devastation

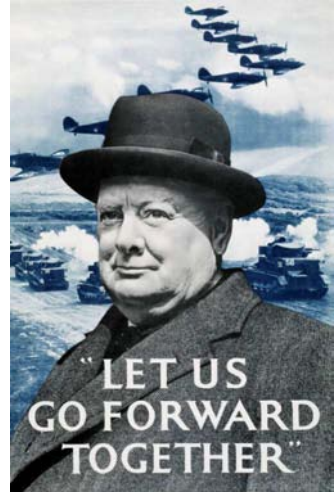
Ringling tones of the deafening  
sirens sounded out,  
Screaming out constant warnings,  
Like a never-ending child  
screeching,  
Ear-splitting!

Panicking searchlights peer though  
the darkness,  
Detecting enemy victims,  
Like a endless episode of fireworks,  
Blinding!

Crashing bombs decimated our  
beloved city,  
Obliterating innocent houses once  
strong and proud,  
Like death-defying hail,  
Petrifying!

Roaring tones die and dim,  
Devastating destruction fills the air,  
Like a ghost town filled with rubble  
Obliteration!

By George Williams



## BLITZKREIG

Screaming, obliterating bombs,  
crashing, tumbling, further  
Through the city of London,  
Like a baby, failing its first steps.  
SCREECH!

Crying, disgusting smoke, rising  
from ashes of pain,  
Like phoenix being reborn.  
Choking!

Disturbing, rotting corpses,  
Screaming in pain, and  
murderous blood,  
Like they were tearing limb from  
limb.  
Yuck!

Beautiful, dancing red flames,  
Luring me closer with its bright,  
wonderful colours,  
Like an anchor had grabbed me.  
Entrancing!

By Baily Shaw Carroll





## The Real Blitz

Crashing down bomb dropped,  
Cackling fire lit up London,  
Like a million fireworks  
surrounding us,  
Terrifying!

Bullying debris laughed at us,  
Threatening to crush us,  
Like a bug under a man's foot,  
Evil!

Weeping factories were hunted  
down,  
Begging the bombs not to kill  
them,  
Like a child from the 21st  
century wanting candy,  
Homeless!

Pouncing doodlebugs cackled,  
Soaring through the sky,  
Like an evil bird of prey,  
Pain!

By Alyssa Finnerty

## WWII

Screaming, banging bombs,  
Crashing into houses,  
Like a tornado spinning and  
dancing,  
Terrible!

Soaring searchlights,  
Looking for deadly people,  
Like a stork in the air,  
Creepy

Flicking fire flames,  
Dancing from the shadows,  
Like a tree in the blue sky,  
Terror!

By Reegan Williams

Dear talk @ siteby

I am writing to tell you  
about what I extremely like  
about where I live.

Firstly, I 'LOVE' going to  
brownies. It's SO fun!!! Brownies  
is a very happy place because  
it's so friendly! YAAAA! Additionally  
Brownies is very messy which  
makes it a long time to  
clean up and it makes it a  
bit loud!

Secondly, there is a peak  
and canal which I LOVE!  
Furthermore, <sup>the</sup> thing I like  
about the canal is the  
water however I like riding  
my bike to. Also, I 'LOVE'  
watching the boats.

Thirdly, there is a library  
in Siteby. I love the library  
because I like books and  
get to spend <sup>some</sup> family time.  
Love.

I hope you enjoyed reading  
about where I live.

Love from Nancy xxx.

## *Alan Dayman & Sons - Nurserymen*

Dayman's DIY was the family business – founded in 1928 on King Richard's Road, Leicester and now run by the third and fourth generations of the same family; however, following the family trade did not appeal to Alan, one of the third generation – he had an ambition to be a professional footballer. He had shown promise, and been accepted as an apprentice by Leicester City Football Club. Sadly he failed to make the grade, and looked around for an alternative career – something which would allow him to work out of doors

Horticulture appealed to Alan, and in 1976 his father helped buy Derrys Roses, and Alan was accepted for a part-time City and Guilds course in Horticulture at Brooksby College. Meanwhile for seven years the young nurseryman worked alone at the nursery – single-handedly bud-grafting and growing on 30,000 rose bushes a year – supplying councils and exporting to USA. Eventually his father and a cousin came to help at weekends – he welcomed the company, as well as the extra hands!

Both of Alan's sons, Ady and Ash, showed an interest in their father's business and followed his footsteps to Brooksby College, Ady specialising in Horticulture while Ash added Arboriculture and Landscaping to the family's skill base.

Gradually the focus of the business changed, and it became Derry's Nursery, buying in plug plants and producing a wide range of pot plants, bedding and alpiners – perennials for the herbaceous border, and shrubs from their own stock plants. They are justifiably proud of the fact that 90% of the material they sell is raised at the nursery – only buying in trees and hedging plants.

Chamwood Chilli Company was born from Ady's fascination with peppers – the hot sort! Five years ago he grew fifty varieties of chilli peppers, selling the young plants at Farmers' Markets as well as at the nursery – this has been a great success and he can barely keep up with the demand. He had always been interested in cooking, and began experimenting with making chilli sauces – he now sells a range of four different sauces! Visit them at [www.chamwoodchillis.co.uk](http://www.chamwoodchillis.co.uk)



The Rainbows Garden at Chelsea

Ash's tree surgery work has had its own spin-offs, producing kindling and logs suitable for a wood burning stoves, and his landscaping business supplies the trade with materials for hard landscaping as well as shrubs and young trees from the nursery.

While Ady was still a student at Brooksby he recorded a short piece for Radio Leicester, promoting a forthcoming open day, and encouraging prospective students to visit and find out about the courses on offer. He was surprised when a few weeks later he was invited to participate in the Radio



Alan and Ash check a hanging basket

Leicester "Down to Earth" programmes, listening and learning from the panel of experienced gardeners. Gradually he became more involved with the team, and, when he graduated from Brooksby he was formally invited to "Graduate" and become a full member of the "Down to Earth" panel. East Midlands Today invited him to come on the programme to give gardening tips, and later to present Garden Trail, a series of short programmes visiting various local gardens.

2012 was a very special year for all at the nursery – the landscape team provided temporary flowerbeds to enhance Leicester Cathedral for a visit from the Queen in her Jubilee Year – after the displays were dismantled the nursery was overwhelmed by people wanting to buy the plants and materials which had been used in the displays. The highlight of the year for the landscaping team was designing, planning and constructing the Rainbows Hospice garden at the Chelsea Flower Show; all the plants used were raised on the nursery here in Sileby show. This was their first venture into the Chelsea show – to their surprise and delight the garden was awarded a Silver Medal. When the garden was rebuilt back here at the Rainbows Hospice "Blue Peter" filmed the event, and a Blue Peter badge was added to the Chelsea Silver.

Derry's Nursery really is the complete package – DIY gardeners can find a wide range of locally raised bedding and herbaceous plants, packets of seed, fertiliser and other essentials, while the tree surgery and landscaping division can sort out your unruly trees, turf the lawn and lay a patio – then as a finishing touch add hanging baskets and tubs overflowing with colourful flowers.



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# Sileby Cricket Club news

With the advancing lighter nights thoughts of those connected to Sileby Town CC immediately turn to the new cricket season with a sense of expectation.

The successes of 2014 – a third place in the Premier League for the First XI, a County Cup victory, which many people from the village came to see and support the team, at Grace Road, coupled with excellent league finishes for our Seconds, Thirds, Fourths, Sunday XI and Ladies as well as continued successes for our Academy sides give great hope for further successes in 2015.

We're also able to reflect on successes off the field too. The club has retained its ECB Clubmark status, meaning that we've met the criteria set out by the England and Wales Cricket Board for a safe, well run club with the wellbeing and development of young people at the heart of what we do.

Bonfire night was another roaring success for the club and that wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the fantastic support provided to us by the village. We hope you all enjoyed the display. Celestial Fireworks, who produced such a stunning display, will be back again this coming November – we hope you will too.

We've committed to using some of the money raised on bonfire night to benefit the local community and ask each year for a good cause, from within the village, for us to support each year. In 2014 we provided a donation of £250 to a person and their family, from the village, who has suffered the devastating effects of a stroke.

If you know of a local cause that we can lend our support to in 2015 please let us know. Any nominations should be sent to the club via email at [admin@silebytown.co.uk](mailto:admin@silebytown.co.uk). We welcome applications – the only requirement being that the recipient be local to Sileby.

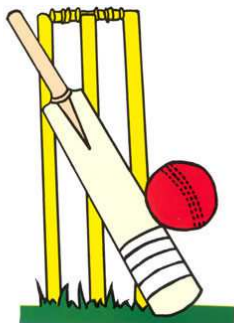
Our thanks also go out to Mark Swatland, of Costutter Sileby, for allowing the club the opportunity to pack bags for his customers during the run up to Christmas. The money raised will go towards improving the equipment for our Academy sides during the coming year.

The 2015 season will see a number of firsts for the Academy – we'll be fielding a girls team for the first time. As one of very few clubs committing to provide girls cricket in the county the expansion of the Sileby Town Academy will provide a pathway for girls of all ages to learn the game of cricket and a chance to progress through the club and county system.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in playing cricket – regardless of your experience – please contact our Academy Chairman, Mark Barber, for more details. Mark can be contacted at [girlscricket@silebytown.co.uk](mailto:girlscricket@silebytown.co.uk) – we look forward to hearing from you.

We're also introducing an Under 19s side to the Academy for this year. ECB has re-introduced this age group category as a T20 competition to help retain existing players past the normal junior age group ceiling of Under 17s and also attract new members back in to the game or even new starters with an interest in the game.

The club fields sides in all age groups, from Under 11s through to Under 17s, in addition to the girls and Under 19s sides, and we're always happy



to welcome new members to the club. If you, your son or your daughter are interested in joining us, please let Mark know on [academy@silebytown.co.uk](mailto:academy@silebytown.co.uk) – all members are welcome, regardless of age or ability. The only thing we ask is that they enjoy the game of cricket.

The sides entering this competition get the opportunity to play in coloured kit – a step away from the traditional whites used by the other junior age groups. The club is grateful to Chris Preston for sponsoring the shirts. We'd also like to thank Kelvin Energy for

sponsoring the shirts of our Kwik Cricket side as well as the many businesses and individuals who have taken out sponsorship with us for the coming season – your support is greatly appreciated.

If you, or your business, is interested in sponsoring any of senior or junior sides – please contact us at [sponsorship@silebytown.co.uk](mailto:sponsorship@silebytown.co.uk) – we'd be delighted to hear from you.

While there is a natural progression through from the girls side for future years, we're also on the lookout for new players to join our Ladies side. They take part in the Women's Midlands League as well as playing friendlies – both home and away – during the season. If you're interested in playing, please contact our Ladies captain Jo Welford at [ladies@silebytown.co.uk](mailto:ladies@silebytown.co.uk)

The eagle eyed of you will have noticed an extension springing up on the Mountsorrel Lane side of the ground. We've been fortunate enough to secure a grant to help build an extension to the existing garage and also provide a new scoreboard and changing facility for the umpires. The building work should be completed in time for the new season.

One of the tasks that will be on our list for NatWest Cricket Force 2015 will be to make good the area around the building works as well as gearing the ground up for the coming season. While the rest of the participating clubs in the country will be having their Cricket Force during the last week of March, we've put ours back a week due to other commitments and will have the doors open to new members and supporters on the Friday and Saturday of the Easter weekend.

One of the key parts of senior weekend cricket matches is the interval tea. Sileby prides itself on providing one of the best teas on the circuit throughout the year. We're on the lookout for people to assist in serving the teas intermittently during the season. If you have a few hours spare on a Saturday then please contact us – we'd love to hear from you.

If you're interested in getting involved with the club in any way, shape or form, please come along and meet us. New supporters, players and members are always welcome and appreciated.

The next time you read this column we'll be past the halfway point in the season and we hope to be reporting good news on all fronts – maybe with a path back to Grace Road to defend our County Cup crown.





# Your Letters

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

Dear Editor,  
Having just walked down Highgate Road, through the Newbold Estate, up Seagrave Road and through the Park, and then along the footpath towards Seagrave. I was disgusted at the amount of dog poo that was on the footpaths especially outside the entrance to the Bowls/Tennis car park. That was surely done on purpose. It's not the dogs I blame but the unthinking owners. If they can afford a dog then surely they can afford poo bags. I can't imagine what it will be like when the next lot of houses are built up Seagrave Road!!!  
A very concerned Sileby Resident  
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## Sileby Community Library

Earlier this year, Leicestershire County Council agreed a series of measures to save £800,000 from its current £5.6m libraries budget, as part of the authority's overall £120m savings. The Council has agreed to fund 16 libraries in market towns and shopping centres and offer support to communities to run the remaining 36 libraries. Registrations of interest submitted by community groups have been accepted to run 29 of these libraries and one of them is Sileby!

This reflects the work of a small but enthusiastic group of volunteers who have come forward to submit a business plan to run Sileby Library. As you read this the County Council will be judging our business plan and if we get approval the management of the library will transfer to the community between June and December 2015.

We still need more volunteers to help us make this project work.

### Can you help?

- ♦ Work in the library
- ♦ Fundraising
- ♦ Keeping the gardens
- ♦ Cleaning
- ♦ Running a club or holiday activity

Any help or support is welcome

Come and find out more...

- ♦ **Look out for future Volunteer Events including**
- ♦ **Coffee Morning with Book and Cake Sale**  
(all funds to Sileby Community Library)
- ♦ **Saturday, 9th May 2015 between 10.30 am and 12 noon** at Sileby Community Centre.



For more information  
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A good selection of Sileby faces born between 1890/1950

Note (16) HERBERT WHITTINGTON and (25) FRED GOSS

## !!WARNING!!

WWW.SILEBYFACES and WWW.SILEBYATWAR

THESE SITES WILL BE CLOSING DOWN  
IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!

If you have relatives who served in the WARS or to see pictures of your ancestors 1900 – 1960. There are 967 surnames on the index and 500+ photos.

We will keep hardcopies for future generations.

If you spot anyone not named please email

geoffreymrose@yahoo.co.uk with photo number e.g M15/25

## Heroes



### **Pte HERBERT WHITTINGTON** **S/3697 Seaforth Highlanders**

1891 Census: age 5, Paynes Yard, **High St**  
1901 Census: 15 yrs old **Brook St**  
1914 Enlisted 7<sup>th</sup> Sept aged 29 yrs 136 days  
1915 Entered France 9<sup>th</sup> Sept  
1916 Bath.Notts Hospitals (winter) with rheumatism  
(experience of wet holes)  
1917 Invalided to UK on 19<sup>th</sup> Dec  
1918 Transferred to 274 M.T.COY 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
M396961 Royal Army Service Corps  
Steam lorry and crane driver  
1919 Selected for retention 1<sup>st</sup> Feb granted bonus  
1919 Demobed 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Awarded: 1915 Star, British and Victory Medals.

Sileby Faces photo **SFM12**

Mr Whittington & Mr Goss on the same photo in 1950's



### **L/CPL CHARLES FREDERICK GOSS** **S22797 Seaforth Highlanders**

1891 Census age 7, **King St** Sileby  
1901 Census age 17, **King St**, Clerk Brewery  
1911 Census 27 yrs old **High St**, Brewers Traveller  
1909 Charles F Goss married Matilda Mitchell  
1917 Sileby St Marys Mag: Mr Goss is at Cromarty having  
joined the Seaforth Highlanders.  
Mr Goss has been organist for 11 ½ years.  
Choir boys presented a clemak razor for all his kindness.  
1920/30's Freddy Goss was running the Post Office 39  
High St.

Sileby Faces photo **SFM15**

Fred and Matilda (and me) at the **Fountain Inn**

Many thanks to Mr Eric Wheeler for most of this information

Geoff Rose

# ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT

## FOR SILEBY PEOPLE AT LEAST

Between the 15<sup>th</sup> May and 24<sup>th</sup> Sep no Sileby lads were killed.  
With the possible exception of these men named on Sileby War Memorial:-

**B. LAWTON** (on both memorials)      Not found a Sileby Connection.

**B. REEVES** (on both memorials) 1911 census **The Banks, BERT REEVES** Age 19  
Not found a Military Connection.

**G. SHAW** (on both memorials)    1901 census **Brook ST, GEORGE SHAW** Age 12  
Not found a Military Connection.

**A. BEARDMAN**      27282 7<sup>th</sup> **Bn Leics Regt** (not on park memorial)  
Beadman on census etc Died 29/04/1917  
Service Records: **Albert William Beadman** – Age 25 at 46 **The Banks**. B,W,M Victory.

**JOHN NUNNLEY** 8350 1<sup>st</sup> **Bn Leics Regt** (not on either memorials)  
Died 21/04/1918  
Tiger Site: Home address Sileby, Could have enlisted Pre 1911 census.  
As awarded, 14 Star. Entered War 12/10/1914.

**REUBEN BROWN** 2559 **Leics Regt** **Born Sileby** (not on either memorials)  
Died 09/08/1917 or 09/08/1916 (on medal card)  
15 Star, B,W,M Victory.

**CLARENCE STUCHBURY** 1216 **Leics Yeomanry** (not on either memorials)  
Died 13/05/1915  
Seagrave lad, well known in Sileby Church Mag: 07/1915 reported missing, we feel deeply for parents and his many friends in their suspense (butchers?)  
1914 Star B,W,M Victory (date on entry 02/11/14)

**JOSEPH TAILBY WARD** 46214 **Lincolnshire Regt** (not on either memorials)  
Died 18/08/1917 aged 38  
He and his parents were born **Sileby**. The family moved to Leics when he was 4 (1884 ish)  
CWGC Certificate: Son of Arthur and Mary Ward of **Sileby**.

**JAMES ARTHUR WORTLEY** 41306 **King Own Scottish Borders**  
Died 26/10/1917  
Enlisted **Sileby** – Not found any connection  
B,W,M Victory.

St Mary's Magazine June 1915  
Between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> 1,956 wounded arrived in Leicestershire and were conveyed to the hospitals, we do not realise the amount of work entailed and what great work the V.A.D (Voluntary Aid Detachment Transport) will be called upon to perform. This transport service is purely voluntary.

**Geoff Rose**



## Highgate Surgery P.P.G.

Highgate Surgery P.P.G. is going from strength to strength with another two patients joining the committee. If you would like to be involved please ask at the reception or come to one of our coffee mornings.

Last year we held two coffee mornings. The first was "Diabetes Awareness" when many Sileby residents found out more about the condition and £123 was raised and sent to the Diabetes Association. The second was "Arthritis Awareness" when a colleague gave a talk about her struggle with arthritis and a gentleman also gave a talk about CLASH, a self-help group in Leicester and a donation of £61 was sent. The Group held their A.G.M. in October when May Lakhani, practice manager, gave a report of how the surgery is progressing. December saw the Group come 2nd at the Winter Wonderland with a very colourful tombola stall which raised £99 for P.P.G. funds. The Group also helped the surgery by handing out Patient Experience Surveys.

Planned for this year are two more coffee mornings. The first being on Saturday 25th April 10am-12noon in the Community Centre in High Street, Sileby entitled "Health and Well Being -Take Control" when a speaker from MIND will be giving a short talk and also advice from the surgery staff will be available. Also on offer will be "Short Walks around Sileby" during the Summer months led by two P.P.G. members. These will be about one mile long and will last about an hour, usually finding somewhere along the way for a cup of tea. Look out for posters on the notice boards, in the Loughborough Echo and on the surgery's website.

The second coffee morning will be on Saturday October 3rd and is entitled "Winter Self Care". Everyone in the village is very welcome to these coffee mornings and walks, not just Highgate Surgery patients.

So it looks like being a very busy year for Highgate Surgery P.P.G.

## FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

We continue to raise funds for the fabric of St Mary's Church. Our current project is the restoration of the blue brick guttering around the church. Your support would be much appreciated at the following events in 2015.

### **Events 2015**

***Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015 - Shepshed Singers Concert*** – St Mary's Church 7.30pm – Tickets on door £5.

***Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015 - Fashion Show*** - St Mary's church 7.30pm – Tickets on door £5

***Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 - Tea, Coffee and Curiosities at Quebec Farm*** – 10.00am to 2.00pm

Other proposed events – dates yet to be finalised

***September 2015 - Caroline Jones Concert***

***November 2015 - Mosaic Group Concert***

***November/December 2015 -Coffee Morning*** – St Mary's Centre

## Same Day Appointments with your GP – The Triage System

I noticed with interest that one of the political parties vying for our votes this May is going to guarantee that we will all be able to get an appointment with a GP within 48 hours. It reminded me that in the recent patient survey undertaken at The Banks Surgery in Sileby one patient wrote of the triage system "FANTASTIC – why can't all surgeries offer same day appointments?"

The triage system means that if you require an appointment with your Doctor, you will be offered a telephone consultation with them in the first instance, which means that everyone is able to speak to or see a Doctor on the day that they call or on the day that they choose. Many people don't need to come into the surgery to be seen at all (avoiding taking unnecessary time off work); their problem can be dealt with by telephone.

Because the Doctor is the one making the appointments, he/she can judge how much time might be needed and give a long or a short appointment accordingly. This also helps appointments to run to time and means patients are more likely to be seen on time. The national average is 65.2% of patients being seen within 10 minutes of their appointment times, whereas at the Banks it is at 84.8%.

When you phone to book a telephone consultation, you will be asked by the Receptionist to give a brief description of what your health problem is. It really is preferable to offer even a few words as this will help the Doctor to prioritise calls and decide in which order to call patients back. And, of course, any information you provide will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.

If taking a call at work is tricky, then you can ask for a call back during a range of times e.g. during a lunch/coffee break. Every endeavour will be made to accommodate your request but this cannot be guaranteed. The aim is to contact people in a timely fashion so that if an appointment is necessary, then the patient can get into the surgery as soon as possible. Alternatively, you may feel it is necessary to take time off work to take the call. This would be no different from taking the time off in order to attend an appointment.

If your condition can be dealt with by the Nurse, trained in the management of minor illnesses, then you will be offered an appointment with her. However, if the Doctor thinks you need to come into the surgery to be seen, or if you would still like to come in, they will make an appointment for you.

I still hear of people attending other surgeries around the country who have to wait a week or even longer for an appointment. I wonder why more surgeries do not adopt the triage system.

## **Sileby Tennis Club**

Sileby Tennis Club has four All Weather courts and is open all year. It is a members only club but we also welcome casual players at £5 per session on Wednesday evenings or Sunday afternoons. The Club can be found on Springfield Road, just follow the road signs from Seagrave Road. The Club this year is making a special effort to attract new members of all ages. Not only are the fees remaining the same as last year but are probably the cheapest in Leicestershire.

We are planning two Open Days this year,

The first on Sunday 22nd March 11am - 4pm. This is a FREE event when coaching can be arranged, the ball machine tried and prizes for junior games.

The second is on Sunday 14th June 2pm-4pm with similar attractions.

Also planned is coaching on a Tuesday afternoon/evening for adults and juniors and also new this year a morning session 10am-11am for adults only. For more information on this contact Inside Out Tennis.

Also during the Summer Sunday Tournaments will be organised, for adult members only, with a special theme. They will take place on

May 3rd - Red Noses;

June 7th - French Open;

July 5th - Wimbledon Strawberry Cream Tea;

Aug 2nd - American Open.

Food will be provided for a small fee.

Finally, if you would like your Club/Group to hire the courts please contact 01509812993.

So come on down and have some healthy outdoor exercise.

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For any more information see our new web-site at :- [silebytennisclub.com](http://silebytennisclub.com)

## **St Marys Sileby Ladies Fellowship.**

We are a group of ladies who meet on a Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm until 4pm in the Pochin Hall/St Marys Centre on Mountsorrel Lane, Sileby. Everyone is welcome, and you don't need to be a church goer. We have both informal and formal meetings where we contribute by telling stories or poems or just chat. During the Spring/Summer term we have a "bring and share lunch" starting at 12 noon, about once a month. On other Tuesdays we have a speaker either from a charity or current affairs or a "special" person. Last year we had the Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood telling us about their lives during the year. Last year we also went on the Peter Le Marchant boat from Loughborough to Normanton, as well as Christmas Lunch at the Red Lion at Rothley.

If you are lonely or don't know what to do or where to go you will be made very welcome at the Ladies Fellowship and it will only cost you £1 a week (including a cup of tea and biscuit)

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## **PARISH WALKS 2015**

### **(28th Year)**

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

**Tuesday    Barrow Road, Mountsorrel Lane, Old Slash,  
21<sup>st</sup> April    Mountsorrel Lock, River Soar, Sileby Mill  
3 ½ miles**

**Tuesday        Sileby Mill, River Soar, Cossington Mill,  
19th May        Old Gravel,Pits, Platts Lane  
Cossington Church, Cossington Road  
4½ miles**

**Tuesday        Ratcliffe Road, Ratcliffe College, Padge  
16th June       Hall, Park Hill, Seagrave, Memorial Park,  
5 miles**

**Tuesday        Sileby Mill, Mountsorrel Hills, Old  
21st July        Mountsorrel Quarry, Bond Lane, River  
Soar, Mountsorrel Lock, River Soar,  
Barrow Road,  
4 ½ miles**

**Tuesday        Cossington Road, Cossington Meadows,  
18th August    Platts Lane, Cossington Old Mill, River  
Soar, Cossington Meadows, Sileby Mill,  
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**All persons taking part in these walks must understand that they do so at their own risk.**

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