

# Talk@Sileby

Village Newsletter



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Winter 2016

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## Competition Time

Identify the location of these images from around the village. Submit your answers via email to [d.r.palmer@talk21.com](mailto:d.r.palmer@talk21.com), or drop them off to the editor at 60 Heathcote Drive.

A price of £20 National Garden Centre vouchers will be awarded to the first correct answer drawn out of the hat on the 31st January 2017.





## The Sileby Gala

The Sileby Gala Committee are pleased to announce that after such a great day this year we have made a good profit. As always, as a group of dedicated volunteers we are committed to putting the profits back into the youth groups of the village. In previous years we have presented cheques to selected youth groups from this village, however this year we have decided that we would like to buy something for the groups. If you would like to be considered for this then please send an email to [silebygala@outlook.com](mailto:silebygala@outlook.com), in this email could you please state what item/items you would like for your group up to the value of £150 and also include a picture and details of where to get it from. We will need to have received these emails by Saturday 10th Dec 2016. Unfortunately due to limited funds we are only able to select 4 groups, these will be chosen at random and we will contact you before Christmas to confirm that you have been successful and we will discuss details further.

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## Talk@Sileby

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Your community magazine is delivered to every home and business in Sileby, that's about 3800 addresses!

It is published 3 times a year: Spring around Easter time, in the summer and in November just prior to the Christmas lights "Switch on".

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Front Cover Picture: The Flying Scotsman steamed through Sileby twice this year and it drew the crowds. This image taken by Helen Root was from the Highbridge.



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# SILEBY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Exhibition presented by the Sileby Photographic Society, and staged at the Community Centre, was officially declared open by the Mayor of Charnwood, Councillor David Gaskell, on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Colin Machin, Vice-President of the Society, welcomed the Mayor to the week-long Exhibition who, in turn, congratulated members of the Society on their quite magnificent efforts in being able to present an Exhibition of such high quality and on such a scale. Councillor Gaskell then proceeded to present the awards to the winners of the competing panels of 6 prints and 6 digital images entered by invited Societies, and these were Leicester Forest Photographic Society and Lutterworth Photographic Society respectively.

All the exhibits entered by Sileby's own members had been judged earlier by Steve Roper, CPAGB, a distinguished photographer in his own right, who commented on the very high standard of prints and images on display which had presented him with no easy task when choosing the eventual winners of each category. He was delighted to present the awards as follows:

Monochrome Print – Alun Williams; Landscape Print – Mandy Sherrington; Portrait Print – Alun Williams; Colour Print – Mandy Sherrington; Nature Image – Gianpiero Ferrari; Projected Image – Peter Smith.

A record number of exhibits in all categories had been entered covering a diverse and comprehensive range of subjects reflecting individual photographer's interests and preferences. 309 prints were on display, together with 14 panels containing 12 prints each which had been entered for the recent 12-Shot Challenge competition. The winner of this competition, which had been judged earlier, was Board K entered by Richard Storier.

There were 205 projected images produced by Sileby's own members, plus panels of 6 images each from 8 other local Photographic Societies. The audio visual show entitled '*Yesterday-Today*' provided superb viewing and illustrated many inventions and buildings from earlier times together with their present-day equivalent.

As usual, the Exhibition was very well received by members of the public who provided very positive feed-back and visitors had turned out in numbers reflecting an excellent attendance throughout the week. Further information can be obtained from the Society's website, [www.silebyps.org.uk](http://www.silebyps.org.uk)

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# *SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL*

We welcome two newly co-opted members to the Council - Mrs Elizabeth Astill and Mr Jon Frost. We still have three vacancies on the Council so if you are interested in applying to be a councillor, please write to the Clerk with details about yourself and what you feel you can offer.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** - The Annual Christmas Switch On will take place on Friday, 2 December commencing 5.30 pm. We do hope you can come along and join in the fun.

**NEW WEBSITE** – The LCC website was switched off on 31 August 2016 and our new website became live on 1 September 2016. The office staff are still 'learning' and finding their way around the website – but do take a look and let us have your feedback: [www.silebyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.silebyparishcouncil.org.uk)

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Sileby Parish Council is hoping to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and is looking for the support of residents to take part in consultation events and the forming of a steering group.

If you are someone who would like to have a say over where new homes, shops and offices are built; improve the High Street or protect your favourite local spaces then do give serious consideration to be part of the Neighbourhood Planning team. We will be creating a section on the new Parish Council website for all Neighbourhood Plan information.

### **A Neighbourhood Plan is :-**

- ◆ a document that sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area. Planning policies are used to decide whether to approve planning applications
- ◆ written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, rather than the Local Planning Authority
- ◆ a powerful tool to ensure the community gets the right types of development, in the right place

Local people can create a plan that allows them to develop planning policies that reflect the priorities of their area and have real legal weight. The whole community then decides at a referendum vote whether the Local Authority should bring the plan into force - for more detailed information visit [planningguidance.communities.gov.uk](http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk)

If you are interested in taking part in this project please contact the Clerk on 01509 813075 or email [clerk@silebyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@silebyparishcouncil.org.uk)

# *SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY AWARD*

This award is 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

The Award 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

Awards will be made at an awards ceremony to coincide with the Annual Parish Meeting

## **Process:**

Contact the Clerk for a Nomination Form :

Mrs R Richardson

Clerk

Sileby Parish Council

41 High Street

SILEBY

Leics LE12 7RX

[clerk@silebyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@silebyparishcouncil.org.uk)

Tel: 01509 813075

by Friday, 31 March 2017

## **Deciding on priorities**

The County Council is continuing to make use of four themes to help it decide on its priorities and make the most of its limited funding.

They are:

- Early Help
- Reducing Need
- Delaying the Development of Need
- Meeting Need

The themes are applied to a range of services, including road maintenance, support for carers, reducing hospital admissions, infrastructure improvements and providing social care support to vulnerable people.

At the time of writing, it is expected that the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement will provide an indication of the future approach to public finances. The Council will be publishing its medium term financial strategy and budget plans in time for discussion at a meeting of the Council's Cabinet in December, with a final decision due at a Full Council meeting in February.

## **The National Fraud Initiative**

The County Council has been taking part in the National Fraud Initiative (NFI). This exercise is carried out every two years and requires public sector and a number of private sector bodies to submit data to the Cabinet Office. The NFI matches electronic data within and between organizations to prevent and detect fraud.

Some examples of the data concerned are payroll, pensions, transport passes and permits, and insurance claimants.

Richard Shepherd, County Councillor  
Telephone: 01509 413903  
Email: [richard.shepherd@leics.gov.uk](mailto:richard.shepherd@leics.gov.uk)



The Boundary Commission for England has been reviewing the boundaries of our parliamentary constituencies and have now published their proposals. If approved they would take effect at the next general election, likely to be held in 2020. The current proposal for our area is that we would lose the Wolds ward and Sileby ward to the Charnwood seat. Both Shepshed borough council wards would be moved into the North West Leicestershire constituency

It would then extend across the Nottinghamshire border to cover the southern part of the Rushcliffe constituency. The principle behind the proposals is that MPs should represent more equal sized constituencies and the number of MPs should be reduced from 650 to 600. Most constituencies are changing in one way or another.

You can comment on the proposals here: <https://www.bce2018.org.uk/> and I would be very interested to hear your views too. Please do e-mail me with your thoughts.

I recently enjoyed a great visit to Highgate Primary in the Village. I had visited at the end of the Summer Term to meet Head teacher, Troy Jenkinson, have a tour and join some of the children for a delicious Friday lunch. This time I was there to unveil their Nurture Area. I'd like to congratulate everyone involved in the project and say how valuable I am sure the area will be for all those pupils using it.

Your County Councillor Richard Shepherd and I had a good morning knocking on doors recently in the new homes on and near Sunnylands Drive. Thank you to everyone for their warm welcome. Richard can be contacted on County Council matters such as social care, highways and education via [richard.shepherd@leics.gov.uk](mailto:richard.shepherd@leics.gov.uk) or on 01509 413903, Paul Murphy and his fellow councillor Andy Paling can be contacted on Borough Council matters such as rubbish collection and planning via [cllr.paul.murphy@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.paul.murphy@charnwood.gov.uk) or [cllr.andrew.paling@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.andrew.paling@charnwood.gov.uk) and I can be contacted about many, many different issues both local and national via [nicky.morgan.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:nicky.morgan.mp@parliament.uk) or 01509 262723.

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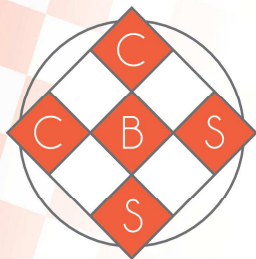
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## *Who will switch on the Christmas lights this year?*



Last year it was RAF veteran Leigh Bland – someone I have come to know personally in recent weeks. I'm afraid I can't tell you who will perform the ceremony this year – we shall all have to wait 'till December 2<sup>nd</sup> to find that out!

Leigh was born in Nottingham – he played rugby for his school, and Ilkeston Town, did Taekwon do – he was in the school RAF cadets, joining the RAF as a technical engineer in 1998. He now lives in Sileby with his partner Laura and their small daughter Callie.

The first thing you notice about Leigh is his height (6'6" wow!) – then his smile as he greets you – then you realise that there is something slightly odd about his gait – and he's wearing shorts – in this weather? He has a prosthetic lower leg – and wears shorts a lot of the time for purely practical reasons.

In his 17 year career he served in the warzones of Iraq and Afghanistan – as well as the Falklands, Germany, Cyprus and Canada – it is ironic that it was during service in UK that he was injured and due to medical complications he elected to have his right lower leg amputated.

2014, and Leigh was learning to live with a prosthetic leg; a new challenge was needed – something to focus on. Prince Harry announced the first Invictus Games\*, to be held in the Olympic Park – Archery appealed, with help from the Pilgrim Bandits Charity he bought archery equipment and began to practise, joining the British Wheelchair Archery Association. Able now to stand independently, (though without the firm stance of the able-bodied) he joined the Melton Mowbray Archery club where he could compete in competition with able-bodied archers – which he has done with some success, gaining many awards. He had only been shooting for a few months when he was delighted to be selected to represent Great Britain at the Invictus Games, making it through to the quarter-final in the Open category.

In 2014, at the "Drumhead Ceremony" in the Festival of Remembrance in the Albert Hall Leigh was honoured to be chosen to represent the R.A.F. athletes who had taken part in the Invictus Games; I was interested to learn that much of the Festival is performed a second time, to enable the cameras to record sequences without intruding on the solemnity of the actual event.

Enforced immobility had taken its toll on Leigh's fitness, weight, and indeed outlook on life – recognising this, he took himself to Physfit Gym, where he met personal trainer Andy Smith. Regular training sessions have not only improved his fitness, but also lifted his spirits and confidence. Among other things, Andy coaches body building and weightlifting – surprisingly, it is perfectly possible for an athlete with a

(specially designed) prosthetic leg to lift weights from a standing position, as well as from a reclining position on a bench. Under Andy's supervision, Leigh started lifting weights – and found it to be a sport which he really enjoyed. Now most mornings he can be found at the gym, working with Andy, and fellow weightlifter Jack Cox – his target, to compete at various Disabled Strongman events in 2017 and hopefully, the Powerlifting at the next Invictus Games. Target, to lift weights of a stunning 180 – 260 kg !

Pilgrim Bandits, formed by Special Forces veterans, has given Leigh much support - to quote from their website - "we don't do sympathy, but offer encouragement" – he now works with the charity, fundraising and raising awareness, as well as helping other injured men and women to overcome their disabilities.

Laura has been his rock throughout, helping and encouraging him – and will be there, cheering him on, when he competes in the Disabled Strongman events. She, their daughter Callie, and now trainer Andy, give him reasons to overcome his injury, and strive for greater achievements.

\*"The inaugural Invictus Games in London 2014 used the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding and respect for wounded, injured and sick Servicemen and women."



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## St Mary's Christmas Services

Everyone is warmly invited to join us over the Christmas period to share the good news. We have a range of services to suit all ages.



Sunday 11th December: Christingle party @ 2.30-4.00pm in the St. Mary's Centre, Mountsorrel Lane.

Followed by a short service in church @ 4.00pm with tea, juice and cake afterwards. Suitable for children of Primary School age.

Sunday 18th December: All Age Nativity @ 11.00 where pre-school children are encouraged to come dressed as a character from the Christmas Story

Christmas Eve 24th December: Family Carols @ 4.00pm, for the whole family to come together for well known carols and songs with tea, juice and cakes afterwards

Christmas Eve 24th December: Traditional Carols @ 6.30pm, a service of lessons and carols followed by coffee and mince pies



Christmas Day 25th December: Morning Worship & Holy Communion @ 10.30



Talk@Sileby is a community produced magazine and without our dedicated team of volunteered delivers it would not be possible to make it happen. We are currently short of a few people, so if you are able to spare a few minutes 3 times a year to help us we would be grateful. We are especially looking for people around the Greedon Rise - Homefield Road area and also the new estates off Seagrave Road. If you are able to assist then please contact the editor, Dave Palmer by emailing [d.r.palmer@talk21.com](mailto:d.r.palmer@talk21.com)

The editorial committee wishes everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.



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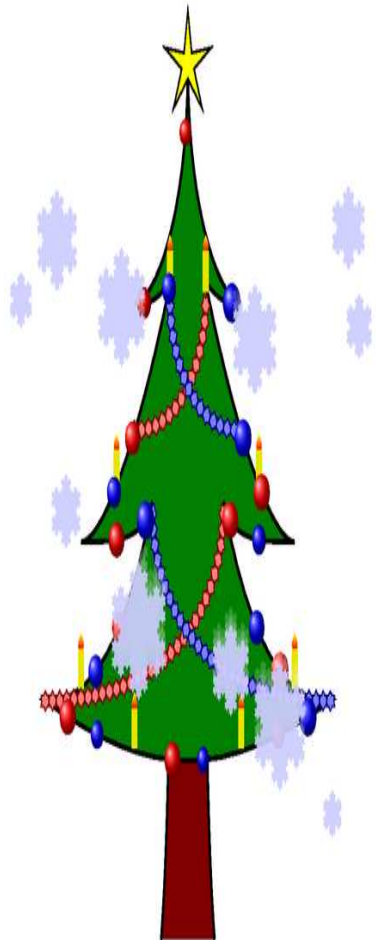
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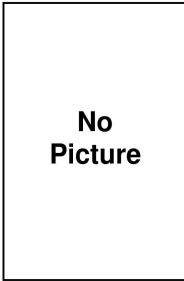
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**MISS LEWIN?**



**MR GREENWOOD**



**MR TURNBULL**

### **This teacher was the only one I remember from age 7 to 10:**

#### **MISS ? PERKINS**

A nice calm lady, must have taught us to read and write and do sums.

### **These 3 teachers I had from age 11 to 14:**

#### **MISS ALICE? LEWIN**

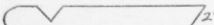
A strict lady who took us for classes (the serious stuff) History, English, and Mathematics etc. Is it her teaching that's has given me the drive to doing Sileby and Family history projects?

#### **MR WILLIAM GREENWOOD**

He took us for classes on Geography and Geology. We would take unusual stones found in the brook/holidays etc He would tell us what they were made of, where and how they were formed. This lead to many hobbies: rock collecting, Mines, Mountain climbing and coast walking.

#### **MR FRANK TURNBULL**

(From Cumbria, RAF 1941/1946 started Sileby School 11/09/1946)

Took us for woodwork, athletics, football and cricket classes. Woodwork shed: the first of 10 tests was to do an isometric drawing:  make and take to Mr

Turnbull to check, if wrong, you could make another. The last test was a flowerpot stand for your mam – must be a few of these around the village. Then it was up to you to design things, with the help of Mr Turnbull. I made a Viking ship with wooden ribs and cardboard planks and a 2ft x 15" square table. Also he showed me how to bind my set of Roy Rogers comics into a hardback book (how did he get the edges cut level?) I have been making and mending things ever since.

I think I started in Sept 1947 age 7 and 4 months. I left Sileby School Summer 1954 age 14yrs and 2 months. It would be nice to put the dates that the teachers started and left the school.

Their only failure: - To knock the Sileby dialect out of us.

***Happy Christmas! To all Sileby folks who have lent photos etc, checked folders and put names to faces! Geoff Rose***



# **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

Soldiers who died in the Great War as named on the Sileby War Memorials in Chronological order.

## **Men Who died 100 years ago.**

**26<sup>th</sup> JAN**                    **A.CPL MARK WILLIAM HOLMES**  
**1917**                        **5504, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, Leicestershire Regiment.**

1891 Census age 12 living **Back Lane, Sileby.**  
1901 South Africa. Medals: Queens South Africa, Kings South Africa.  
1907 Mark William Holmes married Sarah Alridge  
1911 Census age 31 living **Cossington Road** with Sarah and two sons.  
1914 Entered France 29<sup>th</sup> November.  
Awarded:- 1915 Star, British War & Victory Medals.  
(More details and photo in [Talk@Sileby](#) No.39)

**22<sup>nd</sup> FEB**                    **PRIVATE LOUIS HENRY WALTERS**  
**1917**                        **22943, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, Leicestershire Regiment.**

1901 Census age 5 living Mountsorrel.  
1911 Census age 15 living Preston Yard, Mountsorrel.  
1915 Enlisted November living **15 Avenue Road, Sileby.**  
1917 Had been in Mesopotamia 9 months.  
Awarded:- British War & Victory Medals.

**26<sup>th</sup> FEB**                    **PRIVATE WALTER LOVETT**  
**1917**                        **47447, 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tyneside Scottish) Bn,**  
                                 **Northumberland Fusiliers.**

1901 Census age 11 living **Barrow Rd, Sileby.**  
1911 Census age 21 living **Holmleigh, Barrow Road, Sileby** (Carter)  
1916 Enlisted October 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
1917 Feb 26<sup>th</sup> killed in action. In the army less than 5 months.  
Awarded:- British War & Victory Medals.

**1<sup>st</sup> MAR**                     **CORPORAL ABRAHAM SMITH**  
**1917**                        **139436, 75<sup>th</sup> Bn, Canadian Infantry.**

1881 Born **Sileby.**  
1901 Census age 20 living **Barrow Rd, Sileby** (Slab worker)  
1915 Attestation paper Canadian over-seas expeditionary name Abram Smith.  
Next of kin Elizabeth Smith, **Underhill, Sileby.**  
C.W.G.C:- Son of William and Elizabeth Smith, **86 Barrow Rd, Sileby.**

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**17<sup>th</sup> MAR**      **PRIVATE HORACE MIDDLETON**  
**1917**            **20276, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, Leicestershire Regiment.**

1901 Census age 6 living **High Street, Sileby.**

1911 Census age 17 living **High Street, Sileby.**

Theater of War:- Mesopotamia

Awarded:- British War & Victory Medals.

**19<sup>th</sup> APR**            **PRIVATE GEORGE SAMUEL WARD**  
**1917**            **201389 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Bn, Northampton Regiment.**

1901 Census age 8 living **Brook Street, Sileby** (Shoe finisher).

1911 Census age 18 living **Albion Rd, Sileby.**

with wife Beatrice (N) Betts and Gladys Evelyn 1 month old.

Remembered with Honour Jerusalem memorial.

Awarded:- British War & Victory Medals.

**21<sup>st</sup> APR**            **PRIVATE ARTHUR GRAHAM WESTON**  
**1917**            **351930 9<sup>th</sup> Bn, Royal Scots**  
                  **29210 Leicestershire Regiment (Formerly)**

1901 Census age 9 living **Back Lane, Sileby.**

1911 Census age 19 living **Manor Terrace, Sileby.**

Husband of Clara Weston (N) Porter Living **8 Quaker Rd, Sileby.**

Awarded:- British War & Victory Medals.

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**BRITISH RED CROSS    MISS MOLLY HINCKS** The Charn, Sileby

Service from:- 08/1914 to present date.

Hospital:- Knighton VAD (Voluntary Aid Detachments) Hospital Evington.

Rank member

Date of engagement:- 08/1914 Unpaid

Date of termination – still working – Unpaid (date on VAD card March 1919)

Particulars of duties:- Rest rooms & Aux Hospital.

Whole or Part-time:- Under 250 Hours

Additional information:- Occasional duty at restrooms at Railway Stations.

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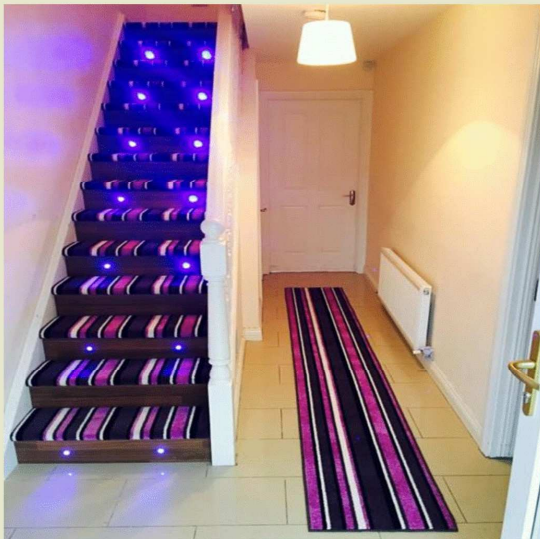
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## *25 YEARS SERVING SILEBY*

It was in October 1991 when Professor Mayur Lakhani CBE, FRCP, FRCGP came to Sileby to begin his G.P. Practice in Swan Street. The premises were not ideal, being small, cold and unwelcoming. But Dr Lakhani stuck with it and with the help of patients and staff soon made it "home". However in 1995 a new Surgery was built in Storer Close off Highgate Road. What a difference! Not only was the new Surgery bright, warm and welcoming there were special rooms for the nurses and eleven parking spaces for patients and staff.

Liz recalls the time of the move. As many patients who were able helped with the move to carry the easily movable equipment either with their cars or other ways. Dr Lakhani transported all the medical records in his car securely. Soon after the move it was decided that more equipment was needed by the medical staff and so "The Friends of Highgate Surgery", at Dr Lakhani's suggestion, was formed. The committee raised funds by coffee mornings, Skittles evenings, Bring and Buy sales, Spring and Autumn Fayres and much more. Some of the first money raised was used to buy baby scales and stethoscopes for the nurses.

The Grand Opening Day was organised by "The Friends" and to open the event they invited local magistrate Alderman Miss Grace Barber, who had also helped Dr Lakhani during the planning of the new Surgery. The "Day" was in the form of an Open Day with coffee, light lunches and afternoon tea being served. Luckily the bungalow next door allowed the use of their garden so there was plenty of room. Liz remembers it as being "a great day but very tiring".

Sheila, who is the current Chairman, also remembers the moving day when she and Terry moved equipment by wheelbarrow! Sheila still has her invitation to the Opening Day which she treasures greatly.

The day finally came, on 12th September 1995, when the first surgery was held at Highgate Medical Centre.

Since 1995 thousands of pounds have been raised to buy much needed equipment for the Surgery and even a heart defibrillator, which is situated in the Surgery.

"The Friends of Highgate Surgery PPG" are still fundraising but in a different way by making patients of Highgate Surgery and all Villagers more aware and educating about various medical conditions to enable people to keep as well as possible.

During the 25 years that Dr Lakhani has been in Sileby many changes have occurred. Not only have there been many new houses built leading to more patients but Highgate Surgery has been able to offer more services. Some are blood tests done at the Surgery, more advice is given by the highly qualified nurses, special clinics for a multitude of problems and much more. It is now much easier to make appointments to see the doctor or nurse either by telephoning the friendly receptionists or on-line. Also during this time we must not forget Mrs. May Lakhani who is now the Practice Manager. She works tirelessly alongside her husband having brought up three children who have now either graduated from University or are still there.

She has also seen many changes in the NHS but takes it all in her stride.



We the present Friends of Highgate Surgery PPG Committee would like to offer our congratulations and thanks to the Lakhani Family for choosing Sileby and hope that they will continue to serve the people of Sileby, Cossington and Seagrave for many more years.



It has been an interesting year for the PPG beginning with Christmas 2015 when their stall at the Winter Wonderland won a prize for being one of the best decorated. Everyone dressed up "Christmassy" and the stall looked lovely with lots of prizes. £173 was raised on the tombola and bran tub and has been used to buy a new fridge and label printer for the Surgery.

The first Coffee Morning of 2016 was entitled "Managing Your Health" and although many stalls relating to Health were manned either by Surgery nurses or PPG members it was a disappointing turn out. So the Committee decided that the next event should centre on Younger People. So in October this year a "Tots and Toddler" morning was organised in the St Gregory's Centre. The main feature of the morning was Gemma who demonstrated Baby Massage. This was of interest to everyone there and some interesting comments were made as to what the next event might be. The very popular Raffle raised £80 which will go towards buying a new otoscope and ophthalmoscope for the Surgery.

Through the Summer months the Health Walks have still been held, although as the September Walk day turned out very hot we all went straight to the Green Place for tea and biscuits. Also continuing throughout the year are the "armchair exercises" at Dudley Court.

We are now planning for the Winter Wonderland 2016 so look out for us at the Community Centre as we are always looking for new people to join us at our "special mornings".



**Sileby Photographic Society is open to everyone who is interested in photography. Visitors are most welcome.**

**Meetings are held at the Community Centre on most Monday evenings between September and June commencing at 8.00pm.**

## **Programme - November 2016 to June 2017**

### **2016**

Nov 7	Throughout the Years	Derek Buckett
Nov 14	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarterly Competition	Judge: Steve Myall <i>EFIAP</i>
Nov 21	Travelling Around India	Digital Show Lester Woodward
Nov 28	Focus on Nature	Gianpiero Ferrari <i>FRPS DPAGB FBPE</i>
Dec 5	Working with Models	Steve Myall <i>EFIAP</i>
Dec 12	Chris Upton's European Tour	Digital Show Chris Upton
Dec 19	Pictures and Pies	Members
<i>Bring 6 images or some mince pies</i>		

### **2017**

Jan 9	Annual Competition Critique	Judge: Peter Yeo <i>FRPS DPAGB APAGB</i>
Jan 16	Annual Dinner	
Jan 23	Three Faces of Italy	Digital Show Colin Machin & Mandy Sherrington
Jan 30	NEMPF Exhibition 2017	
Feb 6	Digital Image Knockout	Judge: Simon Hickle
Feb 13	Romania	Digital Show Patrick Crowhurst, Marika Nute & Pete Smith
Feb 20	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarterly Competition	Judge: Bob Rowe <i>ARPS CPAGB</i>
Feb 27	Digital Monochrome Methods	Lecture Bill Allsopp
Mar 6	Forty Years of Photography	Lecture Brian Stephenson
Mar 13	Skittles Evening at <i>The Wheatsheaf, Thurstaston</i>	
Mar 20	Panel Competition	Judge: Howard Fisher
Mar 27	Another Time Another Place	Wayne Brittle
Apr 3	Proshow Gold – Making a Digital AV Lecture	Dave Stewart <i>BPPA</i>
Apr 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Competition	Judge: Bob Richards <i>LRPS</i>
Apr 24	President's Evening	Patrick Crowhurst
May 8 <sup>3rd</sup>	Quarterly Competition	Judge: Malcolm Cook <i>EFIAP</i>
May 15	Annual General Meeting	
May 22	Living Wild in South America	Lecture Michael and Paula Webster
June 5	Members' Evening	

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