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Welcome to issue 10. Things have changed since the last issue; sadly we have lost 2 important members of our already depleted and very hard working team:

ROS BARBER - Ros joined our team some time ago and has worked very hard in putting the magazine together by also working with our printer Shephed knight to achieve the magazine we have today, but unfortunately she has resigned due to other commitments we wish her well and thanks for all the hard work.

LOUISE PEERS - Louise is a founder member of the team who has had several positions within the group, her first being the member who came up with the name talk@Sileby Louise was also Secretary and a member of the editorial team all this having just arrived in the village. During this time she had 2 children and then went on to take over the advertising for the magazine, I personally thank both Louise and Dale her husband for their help and support for the magazine. Louise also became a parish councillor, she has certainly served the village well, and unfortunately due to Dale's work they are leaving the village we certainly wish them well.

GOOD NEWS

We have 6 new members to the team. In response to the recent appeal for help in the press we had 2 new helpers with the delivery of talk@Sileby and 4 members of the editorial team, welcome to all but more needed.

David Palmer - We would like to thank David who replied from the newspaper article and has agreed to be our new Editor, I am sure he will be an asset.

Robert Cross - Welcome and thanks to Robert who has volunteered to take on the roll of advertising from Louise, anyone wishing to advertise please contact Robert and thanks go to him.

Joyce and Roy Fowler who have agreed to become our chief reporter and secretary, thanks go to them also.

I feel thanks must go to all those who distribute the magazine to all households and if you can spare a little time to take a few copy's out 4 times a year please contact any of the team.

Roy Brown - Co-ordinator.

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Copies of talk@Sileby can be obtained by post at a cost of 50p per issue which includes p&p (4 issues per year).

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An apology

In the last issue of talk@Sileby we published a Christmas message from Alan Costerton of St Mary's. This included a quotation from a carol, this should have read

*Where meek souls will receive him,
Still the dear Christ enters in.*

The magazine reads 'home' instead of him.

We apologise for this inadvertent misprint.

Front Cover Picture: The Main entrance to Newbold & Burton's Factory, recently demolished to make way for the new housing development.

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TOO MANY CATS

By Carole Elkington

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-too many cats?"

Because then they have to
forage aimlessly,
Leaving them vulnerable to
attacks.

This craving, for black paving,
Leaves nowhere for them to peck,
And come bad weather
The Postman'll slip
And break his neck.

So please, to the birds be kind
Don't bin that bacon rind,
And a block of lard
Would be a treat,
Keep them going for a week.

All these houses being built,
And trees being pulled down
Where will they go?
I don't know.

So make a pledge
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The guides went to Wembley Arena on Saturday 11th October for the Big Gig organized by GirlGuiding UK and for guides only! We all had such a fantastic time that we wanted to share our experiences with you.

“The best thing about the big gig was when Liberty X came on stage and performed. All I could do was scream and blow my whistle. I had the time of my life.”

“The best bit of big gig was when Fern Cotton came out because we never expected her to be there but we never expected D-side, Mark Owen, Lemarr, Sinead Quinn or David Sneddon to be there either. I loved it and had never been to anything like this with guides before.”

“The big gig was fantastic. Blazin’ Squad were the best. I had the best time ever. The atmosphere was great. Other bands like Atomic Kitten, Mark Owen and D-side were great too.”

“The big gig was really good because I have never been to a concert before. I enjoyed it loads and I would go again.”

“The big gig was really good, and I would love to go to it again, it was one of the best things I’ve been to. I found the night exciting.”

“The big gig was brilliant. There were lights flashing everywhere and loads of different cool celebrities. Some of my friends snuck to the front and got the best view.”

“The best thing about the big gig was actually seeing the stars, not on TV but on stage. Fern Cotton presented it all with Liberty X, Cheeky Girls, David Sneddon, Sinead Quinn and Atomic Kitten.”

At present we have a full guide unit in Sileby and a waiting list but if we had more leaders and unit helpers we would be able to accept more girls. If you are interested in becoming a leader or unit helper please call in to a guide meeting at Redlands School any Monday from 6.45-8.15pm.





Sports News

SILEBY BOWLING CLUB

The members of Sileby Bowling Club are looking forward to the new outdoor season starting on 17 April. The club has been in existence since 1939 in Sileby. It has enjoyed many successes over the years. They start with Opening Day where members old and new meet up, enjoy a game (weather permitting) and make plans for the forthcoming months.

There are men's, ladies and mixed teams in which the more competitive members can play. Together with the popular Tuesday club nights and social bowling, there are plenty of opportunities to use the excellent facilities that this club has to offer.

Bowls and shoes can be borrowed from the club if someone wants to try the game for the first time and if required, coaching can be arranged by the club secretary's at a time to suit those who request it.

If you would like to know more, come along to the green and meet the members or contact Carole Chamberlain (01509 813094) or John Wilkinson (0116 2606060) who are the Ladies and Men's Club secretaries respectively. They will be pleased to make arrangements for you to be met and shown round at a time to suit you.

The Annual Jelson Pairs Competition will be organised again this summer and is open to all bowlers (Ladies and Men). Entry forms are available from Mr Alvyn Muggleton Tel:- 01509812874. If you are interested please request your entry form before the end of April.

We look forward to meeting you and making new friends.

Calling All Ladies and Girls Do You Enjoy...

1. The Great Outdoors?
2. Catching up on gossip?
3. Making new friends?
4. A bit of exercise?

If YES to any of the above then **Sileby Ladies Cricket team** is for YOU.

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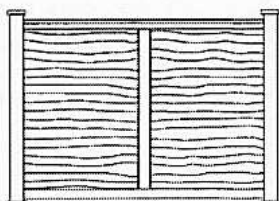
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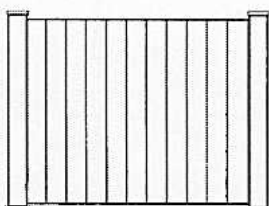
If you are looking to do a little bit more exercise and possibly improve your health as a result, the exercise referral scheme, run by Charnwood Borough Council may be just what you are looking for.

Active Lifestyle Development Officer, Nita Pearson said “ We have a particularly successful exercise referral scheme and included within this is a class at Sileby Community Centre for people of the Sileby area. The session runs every Tuesday morning from 11.45am until 12.45pm and takes the form of a gentle exercise class with seated section. The class generally aims to help people who have health problems, and want to be referred along to the class by their doctor, so that their health may improve. If you don't feel that you want to bother your doctor about the sessions, you can still come along and see what we have on offer, and we can assure you that your health and general well-being will improve as a result. All our sessions are fun, and in addition to our village based classes, we also have sessions at Charnwood Leisure Centre, where a wide variety of activities are on offer. If you have any queries, you can contact me on 01509 634836.”

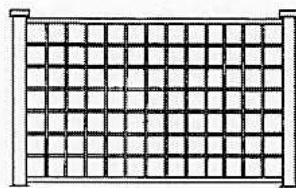
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EVENTS AT SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE – NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY

Christmas Lights

The switching on of the Christmas Lights took place on Friday 5th December 2003, with a record turnout of local people. It was a very successful and enjoyable evening, with children's rides and the Victorian Market. Father Christmas was as always very popular with the children. The lights were switched on by Jamie Boyer from Redland County Primary School and Liam Wiltshire from Highgate County Primary School.

The Chairman's Charity raised £113. 37 for the two primary schools and local organisations at the Victorian Market raised £1378.00 for their own charities. Date for Diary – Switch on of the Christmas Lights 2004 will be on the 3rd December.

Murder Mystery Play

Sileby Parish Council promoted a Murder Mystery Play performed by a local drama group at the Community Centre on Friday 30th January 2004 that was enjoyed by an audience of seventy five.

Jazz Evening

Sileby Parish Council promoted Castle, Frank 'n Stan, a Jazz Trio at the Community Centre on February 14th 2004. This was through Centre Stage a Rural and Community Touring Scheme in Leicestershire & Rutland. The forty people who attended enjoyed the evening performed by this professional trio.

Forthcoming Event

Sileby Parish Council is promoting on Saturday 3rd April 2004 'The Kosh' - 20th Century Girls a passionate dance/music/cabaret performance. This will again be a 'bring your own bottle' evening. Tickets, £5.00 and £3.50 concessions available from the Parish Council Office, 41 High Street, Sileby between 10.00a.m. and 12.00p.m Monday to Friday or call 01509 813075 to reserve your tickets.

GREEDON RISE PLAY AREA

Due to the on-going problems of anti-social behaviour in this area, Sileby Parish Council has erected gates to the entrance which are locked each evening and unlocked each morning at a cost to the parish of £1350.00 plus on-going costs for the locking/unlocking.

COST OF VANDALISM/ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOR ON AREAS UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SILEBY PARISH CONCIL. OCTOBER – FEBURARY 2004

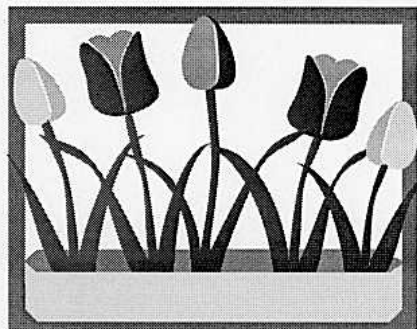
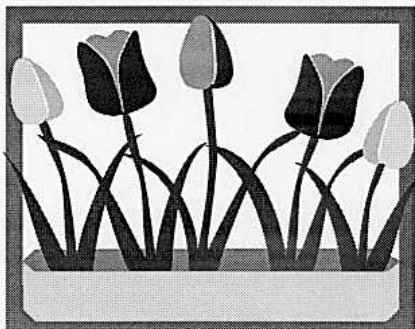
The cost of vandalism/anti social behaviour is paid from the Parish Council Budget which is part of the Council Tax charges. Everyone in Sileby paying Council Tax pays for vandalism.

Memorial Park	£748.00
Sileby Community Centre - main door and sports hall window	£185.00
Land off Seagrave Road - fence post and gates	£100.00
Greedon Rise Play Area - erection of gates	£1350.00
TOTAL VANDALISM/ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR COSTS	
OCTOBER –FEBRUARY 2004	£2383.00

The Best Garden Competition for 2004

Once again the popular best garden competition is being run for this year.

The Best Garden Competition for 2004 will be judged from 28th June - 9th July. Entry Forms for the Rear Garden Competition will be available from the Parish Council Office from 4th May 2004.



The war memorial.

I've been standing here perusing all these names set in the stone,
that someone carved with feelings of pride.

For these were men of Sileby who went off to fight in wars,
and their greatest claim to fame is that they died.

These were not professional men who had been trained to fight in war's
they were taken from the factories and the local village stores.
But they stood against a tyranny that threatened all the world,
and wherever they were sent they kept the British flag unfurled.

They fell upon the beaches, in the trenches and the fields,
in all the famous theatre's of war,
Like Arnhem and Tobruk but some of them were took,
in places we'd not heard about before.

But wherever they were sent their only sole intent,
was to keep the Hun away from England's shores.
They stood for King and country and there their blood was shed,
they gave their lives whilst fighting for the cause.

Now to most of us in Sileby it is just beyond belief,
that this stone gets desecrated which causes so much grief.
We owe these men a debt of honour that we never can re-pay
for it was for our tomorrow that they gave their today.

The next time you are passing through the old memorial park,
just stop and think awhile about those days so very dark.
And as you read that list of names I'm sure that you will see,
they made this final sacrifice for the like of you and me.

So please respect this monument don't vandalise the stone,
it stands here to remind us that these men did not come home,
We also should remember we are never free of wars,
and the next names carved upon the stone could possibly be your's.

John Allen, Dudley Court.

Sileby Scout Group



Sileby Scouts are Sizzling Sausages!!

Well this year they will be cooking at camp, with their new tents to sleep in and hopefully new mess tents. The money to buy these tents has been kindly given by Tesco, The Royal Bank of Scotland and the supporters at the Christmas Fairs.

Many activities are organised for this year for all the groups; Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. One of the most exciting events for the Cubs is a Full Activity Camp at the Willesley Camp Site in Nottinghamshire. Climbing, rafting and Canoeing will be on offer.

The Beavers have their activity Day at the Oaks in Charnwood Camp Site.

The Scouts have only recently reformed so their agenda is still to be arranged, but a weekend camp is sure to be top of the list.

All of the groups take part in many activities in the Charnwood District including sports days, swimming galas, Ten Pin Bowling and many more exciting events.

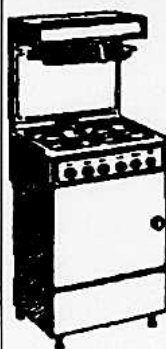
You can join the cubs if you are aged 8 to 10 years and they meet on Monday evening 6.15 till 7.45.

You can be a Scout when you are aged 10 to 14 years and they meet on Mondays at 7.45 till 9.15.

To be a Beaver you must be aged 6 to 8 years and they meet on Fridays at 6.15 till 7.30.

For more information on either joining or helping Sileby Scout Group you can ring Colin Thompson (G.S.L) on 815617

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9.00 am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion	Seagrave
10.30 am	Palm Sunday All Age Worship	St Mary's
6.30 pm	Evening Communion	St Mary's
6.30 pm	Evening Worship	Cossington
6.30 pm	Evening Worship	Seagrave

Maundy Thursday, 8th April

7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion	Cossington
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Good Friday, 9th April

10.30 am	Good Friday United Service followed by Walk of Witness & Lunch at St Gregory's	St. Mary's
2 pm – 3 pm	Quiet Hour	St Mary's
7.30 pm	Service of Meditation and Prayer	Seagrave

Easter Day, 11th April

9 am	Easter Day Holy Communion	Cossington
9 am	Easter Day Holy Communion	Seagrave
10.30 am	All Age Communion & Cournerstones Club	St Mary's
6.30 pm	Easter Praise	St Mary's
7.00 pm	Songs of Praise following open gardens	Cossington

Baptist Church

April 4th

10.30am Palm Sunday service

April 11th

10.30am Easter Day Service

Children's Nursery to arrive in Sileby!

A new nursery for Pre-school children opens its doors in May 2004.

The nursery will be set in a refurbished, Edwardian house, located on Cossington Road, Sileby. It will have a warm, homely, secure environment with a large fenced play area. Car parking will be at the rear of the building where the main entrance is to be situated, with intercom access ensuring safety.

We will be open from 8am to 6pm, offering a variety of sessions to meet the needs of busy parents. Freshly cooked meals will be prepared on site, meeting individual dietary

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Phantom Runner of Back Lane

by our Chief Reporter Roy Fowler.

Walking the other day with a couple of our friends they recounted a story of a eerie experience that happened at 11.30pm on Friday 21st February.

After an evening spent at a family birthday party they left to make their way back home along Back Lane, under the railway arch the sound of someone running was heard coming up from behind. The pounding feet and panting of breath made our friend's step to one side to allow the hurrying person pass. When suddenly there was complete silence, no one was in sight.

Can you offer an explanation for the ghostly tale, or perhaps something unexplained has happened to you. If so we would love to hear from you for future articles in talk@Sibley.

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Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch has proved itself to be successful. All over the UK, active Neighbourhood Watch schemes are reducing crime rates by working with each other and the police.

Neighbourhood Watch is now so successful that there are over 160,000 schemes in the UK and over three quarters of people think Neighbourhood Watch is effective.

If you would like to start a scheme in your area, information and guidance is available from the Neighbourhood Watch Office at Loughborough Police Station. The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10.00am until 12 noon, or you can telephone 0116 2482542 (an answer phone is available outside office hours).

Quiz Time

For all you Sileby folk who enjoy a quiz we present you the talk@Sileby version. We have a small prize for the first correct answer pulled from the hat (over 18's only for the prize, all the youngsters can give assistance in finding the answers). Answers can be set to the editor at 18 Brushfield Avenue, Sileby by 31st May please. We will announce the winner in the next issue. Good Luck

BRITISH CITIES.

The answers to all of the following questions are the names of cities in the United Kingdom. The clues are all of a cryptic nature and therefore may need a bit of thought and research to unravel them.

- 1 If you get sent here, don't expect a lot of conversation.
- 2 This city is situated midway between Clausentum and Noviomagus.
- 3 A former Capital which shares it's name with a James Stewart film and was the diocese of a rather wet bishop.
- 4 One of its residents founded Sunday Schools whilst others participated in mass murder.
- 5 A city within a city where, you can find matchstick men.
- 6 You will find it on the River Thames opposite the Tower of London.
- 7 The result was Lancastrians 1, Yorkists 1 at the site of this Christian Martyr's death.
- 8 King Arthur sat down to watch over this city.
- 9 The Saxon name for the settlement translated to Snot' s village, but the Danes dropped the initial letter.
- 10 The colour of the city's main product matches the colour on the football team's shirts.
- 11 Birthplace: of the "Milk Wood" man. Cricketer David sounds as if he originates from just down the coast.
- 12 Visit this place to get your teeth into Oliver and Sally Lunn.
- 13 Robin (not Redbreast) was quite taken with the colour of its cloth.
- 14 It sounds: like Chancellor Denis.

- 15 They say that they've seen something big in the water west of here.
16 Charlie got as far south as here and then turned around and went back north.
11 Famous: for China pots and sauce from India.
18 You can store your magazines in it.
19 This city's bird has never flown but it sounds as if its insects have done a lot of singing.
20 Maria Fitzherbert's third husband built a desirable residence here.



As of August 6th 2003 Sileby has had access to broadband following the very successful campaign from two members of the village, Dave Elliott & Bill McDowell.

Following this Dave Elliott has turned his skills towards the community side of Sileby and built a community site.

This site has many sections for everyone to use, a forum for chatting and airing your views, feed back for the Magazine, old pictures of Sileby so people can see how the village used to look, an events page to see what's going on, links to others websites around the village and also back issues of Stockade (an old Sileby Magazine) as well as back issues of talk@Sileby Magazine.

The user forum is a great place to see what other Sileby residents are saying about the village or just to have a chat and make some new friends.

We are also starting a new campaign to get 2mB broadband to Sileby. See the forum for details.

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Your Letters

This is the space for you to have your say about Sileby. If you would like to pass on any comments about life in our village (past or present) then please send correspondence for publication to Dave Palmer, 18 Brushfield Avenue, Sileby.

Having just taken over the editorship I am disappointed to find only 1 letter to publish since the last issue. With all the changes taking place around us this year I was expecting a full post bag. So lets correct this for the next issue so that I have lots to fill this page.

Letters can be sent by post, dropped through the door or emailed to d.r.palmer@talk21.com.

Dave Palmer (Editor)

Dear Talk@Sileby

The Sileby Trade and Retail organisation for the Development of Enterprise, or Sileby TRADE, is an organisation founded to address the wider aspects of the village affecting traders, retailers and associated businesses. The second meeting of the association was held on Monday 8th March at Sileby WMC, and although relatively few members of the business community were present, a number of pertinent points were raised about the future of the village.

First amongst these was the new development of the High Street, which many felt would be ineffective at giving pedestrians easier access to the Shops and businesses around the King Street/High Street junction. Indeed, the corner

outside the Olde Corner Shop was felt to be dangerous, as the raised round was level with the path and there was no physical deterrent to prevent cars or lorries cutting the corner and endangering those on the pathway. Parking in and around Swan Street and the Banks was also felt to be woefully inadequate to support this second centre of trade, and with the forthcoming housing developments this situation would only worsen.

The members of Sileby TRADE would like the Parish, Borough and County councils to consult with them to improve not only these matters, but the whole future of the centres of business in Sileby. They would like to see a plan put forward that would promote Sileby as a centre for economic development, and propose solutions to the regeneration of the infrastructure that will allow that.

The next meeting of Sileby TRADE will be on Monday 19th April, and all persons involved with the Sileby business community would be welcome to attend. Sileby TRADE is a forum for such persons to discuss all aspects of business in the community, and by drawing on the combined experiences of such people it intends to find a way forward for Sileby that will benefit not just those trading here, but the whole population by providing the shopping and commercial centre a village of this size deserves.

Regards
Rob Cross
Sileby TRADE Co-ordinator

SILEBY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Society celebrated its 50th Anniversary on 19th January 2004 with a dinner at the Carillon Rooms in Loughborough. It was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood, the President Philip Walker, 12 Past Presidents, Gordon Ward - a Founder Member in 1954 and Secretary for the first 12 years, members, former members and their guests. The Society now looks forward and the next major event which will be the 50th Annual Exhibition to be held in The Village Institute in October.

Forthcoming meetings at The Village Institute include

April 19 Print and Slide Competition


April 26 Slide Show on New Zealand by Val Williams

May 10 Nature Slides of the Falkland Islands and Antarctica by Paul Bingham

May 17 Slides from the North & East Midlands Photographic

June 14 Print and Slide Competition

New members are always welcome and there is no charge now until the new Season starts in August.

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A BIT ABOUT US

Lanza occupies two floors of its 17th century building and employs over ten team members.

At its heart is Roger Lanza who is proud to come from a family of talented hairdressers winning many awards in the hairdressing industry.

Taking over the family business from his Father in 1999 he decided to make Lanza one of the leading hairdressers in Charnwood. He quickly realised what an asset it was to have his salon in the village of Sileby, with its easy access to people from all around the county. His prime objective was to bring together a carefully selected group of talented hairdressers and today he is proud to say he has that team. And together they have achieved great things

Lanza is a member of a group called 365 that was set up by hairdressers for hairdressers who decided that this industry needed to set some standards. That is very evident when you enter the salon and your stylist takes you through a range of procedures to help ascertain the perfect look for you, from a face to face consultation which takes in face shape, lifestyle and hair type, to advice on maintaining your new look and advising on the best products for your hair. Our friendly and approachable staff will really take care of you.

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