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## Strength in Numbers

It's been a tough year for many of us in many ways, not least here at *talk@Sileby* – your village newsletter. Some of the volunteers have moved on and others have been busy with family, work and domestic commitments and all this has affected getting the newsletter out to you. But now we have new volunteers after the plea went out for additional hands to help produce issue 27.

We've had a bit of a rush getting this one out ready for the Christmas lights switch on, but we managed and hope you like what you read.

There are lots of vital elements that all have to come together at the right time to produce something like this; the features, the advertisers, the photographs, the information, the graphic design, the editing and formatting, collecting the revenue, co-ordinating the volunteers, getting the files to the printer in the right format, printing and production, collecting from the printer, distributing to the volunteers to deliver, and finally, delivery through your letter box. Lose anyone of these elements and there'd be no newsletter. If you'd like to volunteer to help, you would be most welcome - (we'll be meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at the community centre on the High Street; contact any of the team for more details) - but most of all we need your stories, comments, views, opinions, photos and anecdotes, because that's what it's really all about – *talk@Sileby* is the voice of the people, the organisations, the groups, the community and the businesses of Sileby. Our next issue will be out in good time for Easter which is the weekend April 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for features and advertising for issue 28 will be Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> 2011, so please consider submitting something that interests you – don't worry if it needs editing, we can tidy it up for you, it's the snippets that are often the most interesting!

As this issue goes to press there's an announcement on the community notice boards of a meeting to discuss starting the Sileby Gala again. What a brilliant way to celebrate being part of the community where you live! In days gone by every village had a Gala in the summer, and most of the residents took part and pride in belonging to the place called home. Could it be this loss of feeling of belonging to something, this missing pride in being a valued and valuable member of the community on your doorstep that has created the gap in our society that allows room and opportunity for less wanted and less helpful behaviours to flourish?

The only thing stopping the reformation of the Gala is numbers. If enough people want to take part and be a part of the whole it will happen. All it needs is strength in numbers; same here I suppose...

A very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from all at *talk@Sileby*

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*The Malt House on High Street with Christmas illuminations.*



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# Quorn, Barrow, Sileby and the Wolds Area Forum

The last meeting of Quorn, Barrow, Sileby and the Wolds Area Forum was held at Redlands Community Primary School in Sileby on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010. It was attended by residents and parish councillors from throughout the Forum area. David Slater, County councillor and Forum chair for the last two years, was re-elected for the next two years.

## Treatment of waste

The Forum heard of two initiatives to help local people to reduce and recycle waste. Mr Karantzalis, from Charnwood Borough Council, gave details of the SWITCH (Save Waste in the Charnwood Home) campaign. The Borough Council support re-cycling through a number of household re-cycling schemes designed to help minimise waste production. It would like to do more to help reduce food waste in Charnwood if, in future, more resources become available. The meeting also heard of the move, from Sileby, to a new state of the art Waste-recycling centre at Mountsorrel later in the Autumn. Parish councils and others are asked to help publicise this new facility and, hopefully, see a reduction in incidence of rubbish being dumped in rural locations.

## Winter maintenance

Simon McIntosh, from the County Council, explained the Council's Winter maintenance plan and the Council's salting network describing how the Council maintains a network covering 45% of roads in the County and is well prepared in the event of another severe Winter. The meeting provided more information on the provision of grit bins. The County Council will offer some simple guidance on clearing footpaths, that, when followed, will minimise the risks of litigation to individual businesses and households. The County Council is also looking to extend its network of Parish-appointed "snow wardens".

## Issues from around the area

People were invited to talk about issues within their own village. Given the tightening of public finances over the next few years, how might the Forum help to address these issues, could the local community play an active role in finding a solution? Richard Downing and Paul Goodman recorded these issues and undertook to select those for which a solution might be formed to be addressed at future meetings of the Forum.

## Next meeting

David Slater, in closing the meeting, reminded everyone that the Area Forum is the place that is supported and attended by all Councils, by the Police and the NHS. This is the best place to get all agencies together to tackle what is important to local people at a local level.

The next meeting will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011 back at Sileby Redlands Community Primary school.

You can get further information about the Forum through the website – [www.leicestershireforums.org](http://www.leicestershireforums.org) – or by contacting Richard Downing on 0116 3055823.

# Sileby Bowling Club

**S**ileby Bowling Club was established in the 1930's. The Clubhouse and bowling greens are accessed from the public footpath that runs from Swan Street through the Memorial Park until it meets the Heathcote Drive housing estate. The club car park is situated at the end of the Springfield Drive cul--de-sac, with exit onto the public footpath.

The Clubhouse started life as a wooden pavilion but after a disastrous fire in the 1980's half the building was burnt down. It was subsequently rebuilt in brick so the Clubhouse is now half brick and half wood. Unfortunately the wooden half is beginning to deteriorate and plans and costings are being drawn up to build a brick outer wall around the wooden building, put on a new roof and internally, extending and refurbishing the kitchen and bar. A disabled ramp is also to be built, as is a disabled toilet.

The Club has two sections, one for men and one for ladies, and although not one of the largest in the area, it is very active. Former presidents of the Club (men and ladies) were presidents of the English Bowling Association. Recently the Club has had several members competing in County competitions, with some having won through County rounds, then going on to play in the national finals which are held yearly in Worthing. The ladies national finals are held at Leamington. The Club is a member of the Leicester league and also enters four teams in the Loughborough League competitions, playing in the Charnwood area. We also hold our own Club competitions. We play friendly matches on Saturdays.

The Club is always looking for new players and/or novices to learn the game. All will be made very welcome. The Club has a few sets of bowling shoes and 'woods'(bowling balls), so why not come along and try it? You might like it. The cost for new bowlers in the first year is £10 (not having previously been a member of another outdoor bowling club).

The Club is open to all ages and abilities and we also offer social evenings and events such as coffee mornings. There is a monthly lunch dub which is open to members and non-members alike.

## **Finally...**

On the Bowling Club site, Sileby Tennis Club has four hard surface courts. They too also welcome enquires from anyone interested in membership and tuition.

The Bowling Club also has space for two Pétanque rinks and, if sufficient interest is shown, will commence with laying the rinks out.

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# Sileby Town FC

**S**ileby Town Football Club has been in existence since 1952, being known previously as Sileby Victoria and Sileby British Legion. The club have been playing on the Memorial Park at least since that year. In the 1990's we had to locate the pitch towards the hedge, to enable us to have fencing around the ground so that we could continue playing in the Leicestershire Senior League. The railings were moved from the pitch Sileby Saints are using now, and fencing erected around the railings, as instructed. The fencing was vandalised, so we consulted the Senior League who allowed us to remove what was left of the fencing.

We have been searching for a new ground since 1992 to no avail. Many sites were looked at, but each time, we were rejected, or the fields were prone to flooding. The nearest we got was some land owned by Mr. Crawley along Seagrave Road. This application for the use of two or three pitches with a clubhouse was turned down at the third appeal, mainly due to Seagrave residents. Sileby Town used to have its own clubhouse until it was burned to the ground three years ago by vandals.

The club, along with Sileby Saints, and Sileby Juniors now have a tremendous facility on the Memorial Park, built mainly from monies from the Football Foundation, and some from the parish council. Of course, we have to pay a fee to the parish council for using this building, and as we always have, rental of the pitch. As we've retained our drinks licence from our previously owned clubhouse, we have been allowed to run the bar ourselves.

Sileby Town are trying to provide an outlet for young people from junior to senior level, to take part in a team sport, helping them to interact with other people and get them off the streets and teach them respect. Sileby Saints and Sileby Juniors are also doing their bit for their community as of course Sileby Victoria and the Sileby Sunday team are. Unfortunately the latter two teams have to play outside the village because there are no grounds in Sileby for them to play on.

Many villagers are not too pleased about Sileby Town playing on the Memorial Park. Why? I do not have the answer. All I can say to them is, find us another ground for us to play on around the village and we will move on. We welcome all residents to visit the clubhouse on a Saturday afternoon to discuss any problems they have with us, and also have a look round. You may be pleasantly surprised.

Just a little reminder to dog owners, please clean up after your dog on the park, it would ensure children could play safely, and adults need not look down at the grass, "just in case". It also saves us the job of clearing the football pitch before we "kick off".

As many of you will be aware, Sileby Town won the Leicestershire Senior League Division One title last season, and were promoted to the Premier Division. This season we have to be seen to have floodlight's planned, or we will be relegated back to Division One irrespective of our league position at the end of this season. At the time of writing we lie in seventh position and any further support would be gratefully received.

## THE YOUNG AND THE OLD CELEBRATE OFFICIAL OPENING OF SILEBY'S ST MARY'S CENTRE



*The young and the old: (L-R) Richard Hopkins, Rector of the United Benefice of Sileby, Cossington and Seagrave, Mabel Tatchell, 97, Nerys Leithead, Ioan Leithead, 3 months and Graeme Leithead.*

**T**he newly created Centre for St Mary's Church, Sileby was officially opened on Saturday 6th March by Loughborough MP Andy Reed and witnessed by the oldest and youngest members of the church, 97 year old Mabel Tatchell and three-month old Ioan Leithead.

Over 200 guests, church members and visitors, including the Worshipful The Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood, Roy & Gill Brown and County Councillor, Richard Shepherd, attended the official opening. They were given a tour of the new facilities, which include a state-of-the-art kitchen, a soft-core play area and multimedia technology throughout.

The innovative church rooms complex features a crafted timber and glass 'Atrium' linking the remodelled and updated Pochin Hall to the completely new Wallace room, the main hall and major part of the complex. Designed by Loughborough's B3 Architects and constructed by SP&AJ Contractors, the St Mary's Centre project has strong local support and the two elements have been so named because of their old and new benefactors.

Revd. Richard Hopkins, Rector of the United Benefice of Sileby, Cossington and Seagrave

welcomed all those in attendance and introduced Andy Reed, MP to make his official opening speech.

Andy Reed MP said; “This is a great day for the village of Sileby and I am delighted that the community now has this superb facility on its doorstep. All the parties involved in this project have worked extremely hard and with the new St Mary’s Centre fit for purpose, St Mary’s Church can continue its excellent work within the community.”

Revd. Richard Hopkins added; “The purpose of St Mary’s Centre is to serve the people of Sileby and the surrounding area through our church activities.” Speaking of knowing God as being a journey, he said to guests “perhaps you feel that that journey of discovery is one you’d like to join us on.”



*Cutting the ribbon: Andy Reed, MP for Loughborough & Richard Hopkins, Rector of the United Benefice of Sileby, Cossington and Seagrave.*

St Mary’s Centre will be “open for business” from Sunday morning (7th March) and will host numerous meetings throughout the year, from mother and toddlers’ groups and youth groups to informal sessions for those wanting to investigate the Christian faith.

St Mary’s Church, Sileby, is part of one United Benefice of Sileby, Cossington and Seagrave. St Mary’s is an evangelical church, which serves the 9000+ population of Sileby. The church welcomes all those who want to explore the Christian faith and holds services each Sunday at 11:00am and 6:30pm.

Please visit the website [www.scsparishchurches.org.uk](http://www.scsparishchurches.org.uk) for more information.

# SURVEY FAILS TO FIND REGIONS RAREST MOUSE

Conservationists have released the first year findings of a three year project to discover if the Hazel Dormouse still exists in Leicestershire and Rutland. The little rodent has not been sighted in Leicestershire since the 1970's and in Rutland since the 1990's.

The voluntary project, supported by Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council, Leicester and Rutland Wildlife Trust and Forestry Commission failed to come up with a positive record during the first year of the survey. However a public appeal has led to some intriguing clues being provided by nature lovers that pieced together may yet produce a dormouse.

Co-ordinator Barry Ingram said:

“We may be getting closer to our quarry as we have had a couple of good leads reported. There is a sighting by a resident in Market Harborough and also another report from the Luffenham area of Rutland. It's a fascinating nature detective story and in common with any detective story, that one piece of information from the public could complete the jigsaw and uncover a dormouse.

As we move into spring dormice will be coming out of hibernation and can occasionally be seen in daytime so we need villagers, farmers, landowners, nature lovers, walkers, indeed anyone who enjoys the great outdoors, to report or relate any experiences of dormice they may have had past and present. Has your cat brought one in for example? If you think it has, email us a photo.”

Dr Helen O'Brien the County mammal recorder said:

“In the same way the presence of otters reflect healthy and well managed rivers and waterways, the presence of dormice in hedgerows and woodlands indicates healthy well managed habitat. The absence of dormice doesn't necessarily mean our woodlands and hedgerows are still poor, as they have improved in recent years. However the dormice have become extinct and as yet have been unable to re-colonise”

The mouse sized little animal is one of our prettiest wild animals. It possesses a coat of golden or light sandy brown fur that extends on to its tail. This is unlike other mice that have naked tails with just a few hairs on.

The dormouse spends all of its waking hours (it is mainly active at night) clambering about in trees, hedgerows, scrub and woodlands, rarely coming to the ground.

The dormouse usually only comes to the ground to sleep, the dormouse hibernates for the winter



*Photo of dormouse © Kate Merry*

Dormice are harmless and an important indicator that local woodlands and hedgerows are of high value for lots of other wildlife, as they require plenty of different shrubs and trees as well as dense cover.

Anyone who would like to report a dormouse can contact The Dormouse Project at:

**Tel:** 0116 2671950/0116 229363 :

**Email:** [wildlife@leics.gov.uk](mailto:wildlife@leics.gov.uk)

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## **RCC Ahead of the Game in Tackling Rural Isolation**

**A**s the face of rural Britain gets older, the Rural Community Council for Leicestershire and Rutland is ahead of the game in going some way to providing support to elderly people living in rural areas, with the Rutland Community Spirit project.

In a recent Countryfile programme John Craven reported that in 10 years time one in four of the UK's rural population will be a pensioner, which will place increasing pressure on local authorities which are already over-stretched.

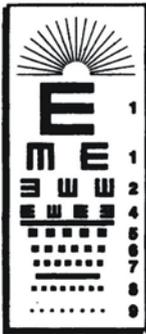
Rutland Community Spirit was launched in March 2008 with the aim to provide low-level support and advice to people living in the county. Drawing from the shared experience of Gloucestershire Village Agents, which was highlighted in Sunday's programme, the project has a team of Champions who are out and about in the community, providing advice and assistance to those who are most at risk of losing their independence. As with the Village Agents, Champions are seen as trusted friend and not authority.

John Craven highlighted the need for ongoing funding to provide schemes similar to that of Rutland Community Spirit and Gloucestershire Village agents to prevent what is currently a social issue, becoming a crisis. Originally a two-year pilot, the success of the Rutland Community Spirit project has meant that additional financial support has been secured to ensure the project continues until spring 2011. The RCC is now working closely with the local authority and PCT in Leicestershire to work out how Community Spirit can be rolled out to incorporate the rural areas of Leicestershire as well as Rutland.

Contact details for Leicestershire and Rutland Community Council:

**Director, Jeremy Prescott on 0116 2689700 or visit our web site at [ruralcc.org.uk](http://ruralcc.org.uk)**





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The lottery currently raises the equivalent to the annual cost of 20 full time nurses on the ward at LOROS. What a difference this makes to the care provided to patients and their families at the hospice, at our palliative day therapy unit and out in the community. With costs of over £7 million per year and over £4 million to raise from voluntary contributions the LOROS Lottery offers a chance to give support on a regular, weekly basis thereby ensuring that this care can continue.

In future members of the LOROS Lottery will not only benefit from the opportunity to win a prize but also to take part in a weekly rollover draw which will build week on week, until it is won, up to a maximum of £7,500. Only members whose lottery numbers are in credit can win the rollover prize so it is even more important than ever to ensure that subscriptions are up to date.

If you aren't already a member of the LOROS Lottery now is the time to take part. We really need your help to ensure that we can continue our vital work in caring for the people of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland at a time when they need us most. Please call the lottery helpline on 0116 2318430 and join today because if the money stops, so do we!

## SILEBY GARDEN GNOMES

**S**ileby Gardening Gnomes continue to welcome new members and visitors to our meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month between September and May.

We meet at the Methodist Church Rooms in King Street, Sileby at 7.45pm.  
Further details can be obtained from 01509 816545.

Future Meetings are -	8 December 2010 –	Members Christmas Dinner
idea”	12 January 2011 -	Richard Woods – “I’ve a good
flies”	9 February 2011 –	Peter Gamble – “Garden Butter-
	13 April 2011 -	Mark Graham – “Tree diseases”
	11 May 2011 -	Annual General Meeting

## The Sileby Village Institute: How it all began...

A public meeting was held on Tuesday evening April 25<sup>th</sup> 1899 in the King St. School as to whether an Adult School could be formed in Sileby. It was decided to form one.

The first meeting was held on Sunday, May 7th 1899, with Mr W A Francis, the headmaster of the King St. School, presiding. It was held on May 21st in what was called *The top room of the Coffee House* (this was at the Seagrave Road/Swan Street corner). There were 15 present and it is presumed that this was held in the King St. school. Membership was fairly static for quite a while, and the main part of the activity was the teaching of illiterates to read and write.

On the first Sunday of 1900, there were 22 present. when the motto *Every man a man* was adopted and in 13 weeks the membership was doubled, by Easter 1902 it reached 100, and soon after that it reached its record of 200 members.

The Institute as such was then established in a small factory in Swan St. (by the brook on the west side of the street) The members under tuition made tables themselves, to which were added chairs, a bagatelle table and cards, dominoes and other games were given. and a small canteen opened for Tea Coffee etc. Shortly after, however, the factory was required for other use, and a move had to be made to another factory in Brook St. (near the Path to the railway station) where it remained during the War years.

Soon after the 1914-1918 War, the Government commenced the sale of army camp buildings and other properties. There was a prisoner of war camp in Rothwell in Northants and this became vacant as the German prisoners were repatriated and the buildings forming the camp were amongst the early ones for sale. A group of local men. all of whom had Adult School experience and had been attached to the old Institute for many years, were interested and went to view the buildings at Rothwell. After much thought and discussion they decided to attend the sale with a view to buying something that might be useful as a Village Institute and useful as a place for the Men' and Women's Schools to meet and carry on any useful work. The present building was the target. It was used as the dining hall and kitchens for the P.O.W's and was a very suitable place, according to the suggested requirements of those who had gone deeply into the matter. The outcome was that the group went to Rothwell on the day of the sale and were able to purchase the building.

A local firm of builders were engaged to take down the structure carefully, it was conveyed to Sileby and re-erected in its present position. Mr Charles Henry Martin gave the site it stands on as well as generous contributions towards the purchase and erection here.

The other friends gave generously too and, of course. a large sum in smaller contributions was raised from people connected with the Schools and Institute.

Whilst the building was being taken down, members of the School and of the Institute were busy at every opportunity excavating the site, preparing for the foundation work to commence. Altogether, it was a big task and it took a long time to complete but the contractors made a real good job of it.

It was decided to call the place *The Adult School and Village Institute*. Sileby was short of rooms where functions such as whist drives, dances, concerts etc, could be held. The desire was to combine the work of the Adult Schools with recreation facilities for young men and so provide a building where the various organisations of the village could meet. The early functions held were to raise money to reduce the amount borrowed, and all the costs were soon cleared.

Until the Men's Adult School closed in 1987, the Trustees of the building were always Adult School members.

On January 17th 1920 the building was officially opened by Canon Thompson Elliott and there were speeches by Mr Richardson, Mr Harding, Fr Keating, Mr Rogers and the Revel F L Burrow. Dr Gray, who also was there, said "All the parsons in the place were there."

The Institute was provided with three billiard tables, a dart board, sets of playing cards and dominoes for the men's recreation.

When the old Wesleyan Chapel was acquired for use as a Community Centre, many of the clubs and societies that had been using the Institute, moved there, and since that time the Evergreen Club have leased the premises from the Trustees.

*On the left is the news, posted in The Loughborough Echo, July 2009, announcing that The Village Institute was to be sold...  
....and below, now under offer the Institute with the weeds growing, looking forlorn...  
...and overleaf the original indenture conveying the land and buildings to the trustees.*

**SILEBY VILLAGE INSTITUTE.** It is with some sadness that we, the trustees of the Village Institute, announce the impending closure and sale of land thereof.

After about 87 years of service to; firstly the Adult school then Evergreen, Photographic, Polling, family events etc, etc. the building is realistically beyond feasible repair or viable replacement.

The Institute life has been well documented in Talk @ Sileby and most village elders are aware of the history of the building.

However, as time passes, loss of revenue, monies non-existent - the time has come for this "temporary building" to close.

Any proceeds will be passed on to Sileby Village amenities.



# **The indenture conveying the land and buildings of The Village Institute from the original owners to the new trustees**

**T**HIS INDENTURE made the Twenty ninth day of March one Thousand nine hundred and twenty two Between CHARLES HENRY MARTIN of the Grange Sibley in the County of Leicester Knitting Machine Manufacturer of the one part and JOSEPH YATES Bootmaker GEORGE GINNS Hosiery Manufacturer GEORGE ARLAND BURTON Boot Manufacturer JOHN ARTHUR NEWBOLD Boot Manufacturer HARRY BELL Hosiery Factor ARTHUR TRASLER Bootmaker and the said CHARLES HENRY MARTIN all of Sibley aforesaid (hereinafter called "the trustees") of the other part.

WHEREAS the said Charles Henry Martin is seized for an estate of inheritance in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances of the hereditaments and premises hereinafter described and intended to be assured AND WHEREAS the said Charles Henry Martin is desirous of conveying the said premises now occupied as The Sibley Institute unto the Trustees to be held by them upon the trusts hereinafter mentioned NOW this Indenture WITNESSETH that in pursuance of the said agreement and in consideration of the premise the said Charles Henry Martin as Beneficial Owner hereby grants and conveys unto the Trustees ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situate in the Parish of Sibley aforesaid as the same is delineated on the plan drawn hereon and therein coloured pink TOGETHER with the building erected thereon known as The Sibley Institute Together with a right of way for the Trustees in common with the said Charles Henry Martin his successors and assigns the Sibley Parish Council and all other persons entitled thereto from the roadway leading out of Cossington Road over and along the roadway coloured brown on the said plan to and from the said Institute the Trustees paying one half the cost of keeping the said roadway coloured brown together with the gateway at the points marked M.N. on ttle said plan in good repair and condition Together with the right to use the water pipes now existing under the adjoining land of the said Charles Henry Martin with liberty for the said Charles Henry Martin his heirs and assigns owners and occupiers for the time being of such adjoining land to divert or alter the position of such pipes TO HOLD the same UNTO AND TO THE USE of the Trustees their successors and assigns in fee simple nevertheless upon the trusts hereinafter declared concerning the same Except and Reserved unto the said Charles Henry Martin his heirs assigns owners and occupiers for the time being of the adjoining land and buildings a right of way for all purposes over the piece of land hatched with red lines on the said plan and also the free passage of water soil and other matters from the adjoining land and buildings belonging to the said Charles Henry Martin as now used and enjoyed through any drains or sewers now existing in or under the hereditaments hereby assured and also except and reserved as aforesaid the right to lay other drains or sewers connected with such existing drains or sewers AND it is hereby agreed and declared that the Trustees shall not be entitled to any right of light or air which would restrict or interfere with the free use of any adjoining or neighbouring land for building or other purpose AND the Trustees for themselves their successor, in title and assigns hereby covenant with the said Charles Henry Martin.

1. If and when called upon by the said Charles Henry Martin his successors and assigns to erect and for ever after maintain to the satisfaction of the said Charles Henry

Martin his successors and assigns a substantial fence of a strength sufficient to withstand cattle along the lines marked AA and BB. on the said plan and an unclimable iron fence along the lines marked C.D.E.F.G. on the said plan

2. To maintain along the lines marked M.B.A and N.K. live fences unless and until the site thereof be given up to the Sileby Parish Council for the purposes of a public roadway or other public improvement as hereinafter mentioned
3. If and when these portions of the land hereby assured lying to the North West on the line H.AB.K.L. on the said plan are given up to the Sileby Parish Council as hereinafter mentioned the Trustees shall forthwith erect and for ever after maintain in good repair and condition or cause to be erected and for ever after maintained by the Council an unclimable iron fence along the line H.A.B.K.L. (excluding any entrance or entrances to the Institute) AND IT IS hereby declared that the Trustees shall stand possessed of the premises hereby assured upon the trusts and subject to the powers and provisions following that is to say:-

1. To permit the premises hereby assured to be used and enjoyed by the members for the time being of the Sileby Institute
2. If the Sileby Parish Council shall not request the Trustees to give up for the purpose of a public roadway or other public improvement those portions of the land hereby assured lying to the North West of the line on the said plan H.AB.K.L. or any part or parts thereof the Trustees may at their discretion and upon such terms as they think fit whether as regards to payment and the construction and maintenance of fences or otherwise convey the same to the Council
3. At the sole and uncontrolled discretion of the Trustees at any time to convey the premises hereby assured to the Sileby Parish Council subject to the restrictions and to such other conditions as may be agreed upon between the Trustees and the said Parish Council
4. At the sole and uncontrolled discretion of Trustees at any time to sell the premises hereby assured either by public auction or private treaty
5. In the event of any such sale as aforesaid the Trustees may at their sole and uncontrolled discretion Invest the proceeds for or pay and apply the same in or towards such purpose or purposes as the Trustees may consider will be for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Village of Sileby AND the Trustees hereby covenant with said Charles Henry Martin his heirs executors and administrators as follows:-

1. Not to permit any intoxicating liquor to be brought consumed or sold on the premises hereby assured nor to allow any betting or gambling thereon
2. Not to permit the premises to be used for any propaganda which may be or tend to be of a seditious nature nor as a political clubroom nor for any political propaganda other than definitely organised political meetings for the holding of which equal opportunity is to be given to all parties AND the said Charles Henry Martin hereby acknowledges the right of the Trustees to production and delivery of copies of the deeds and documents of title specified in the Schedule hereto and hereby undertakes for tile safe custody thereof AND IT IS hereby certified that the transaction hereby affected does not form part of a larger transaction or of a series of transactions in respect of which the amount or value or the aggregate amount or value of the property conveyed or transferred exceeds Five hundred pounds

# Witnesses, Trustees and Parties to the conveyance of the land and buildings of The Sileby Village Institute

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year First being written

Signed Sealed & Delivered Charles Henry Martin

Witnesses Arthur Trasler 78 Seagrave Road Sileby

Samuel Yates 66 Barrow Road Sileby

Joseph Yates

Witnesses William S Bostock 35 Albion Road Sileby

Frank W Mercy 5 Albion Road George Ginns

Witness W E Harriman 5 Swan Street Sileby George Arland Burton

Witness Joseph Yates Cossington Road Sileby John Arthur Newbold

Witness Harry Bell 76 Seagrave Road Sileby Harry Bell

Witness John Arthur Newbold Lynfield Sileby Arthur Trasler

Witness Samuel Yates 66 Barrow Road Sileby

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1852 Indenture of Mortgage between Daniel Shuttlewood of the one part and Richard Luck of the other part

17<sup>th</sup> February 1855 Indenture of Surcharge between Daniel Shuttlewood of the one part and Richard Luck of the other part

9<sup>th</sup> September 1864 Indenture of Mortgage between Richard Luck of the first part Daniel Shuttlewood of the second part and William Baines Edward Shipley Ellis and Mathew Maxfield of the third part

20<sup>th</sup> September 1915 Indenture of Conveyance between Annie Shuttlewood of the first part Lydia Shuttlewood of the second part and Charles Henry Martin of the third part

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## Help wanted to Create Photo Database for Family Historians

**R**ecently photos of Sileby residents have been shown at various locations around the area. The aim has been to identify people on them and create an easily searchable database for use by family historians.

Folders have also been distributed, showing various groups of people from 1900 to 1960. These have the advantage that they can be perused at home, and then passed to friends and family for further identification.

If you are interested in acquiring a folder, Please Contact:

Geoff Rose on Sileby 01509 813402 or By Email: [geoffreymrose@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:geoffreymrose@yahoo.co.uk)

# SILEBY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

**T**he second season of the Sileby Photographic Society at its new venue of the Sileby Community Centre has been very successful but is now drawing to a close. The facilities are a vast improvement and we have gained a number of new members.

The highlight of the year is always the Annual Exhibition in October together with a number of outstanding lectures by distinguished photographers from the Midlands.

The DVD 'Sileby – Then and Now' that was produced for the Exhibition was professionally copied and the response from the village exceeded all of our expectations with the result that there is now just a handful left. The last few copies can still be obtained at £6.00 each. Anyone interested in purchasing a DVD should ring 816287.

Following the success of the DVD a further amount of old Sileby pictures have been made available and it is intended to produce a second DVD later in the year.

The 2007 Exhibition show – 'The Great Central Railway – the story so far' was also well received and this is being updated to include the latest developments before also being offered for sale.

Our Meetings are held on most Monday evenings between 7.30pm and 10.00pm from September until June. The programme for this season is now available on our website and features lectures by visiting speakers, supplementing those by our own members, competitions and some social evenings. Anyone interested in improving their photographic knowledge and technique will be most welcome at the meetings. Why not come along and see for yourself?

## **Programme 2010/2011**

Our season runs from September to June. During the summer break we take part in walks around the area, with a view to having a good time and maybe even taking some pictures. Whether or not we take any pictures, the evening invariably ends in a local hospitality. Please do contact us if you would like details of the walks. Find details of all meetings and events for the remainder of the season on the website.

A PDF version of our complete programme is available from our website. You will need Acrobat Reader in order to view the document.

Please go to: <http://silebyps.org.uk> for all the details



# Your Letters

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

Dear Sirs,

I read with great interest a response by Councillor Singleton to a letter published in issue 25 (Summer 09). Which raised several key points about Sibley Parish Councils expenditure.

I have re-read both letters and note that several of those points where not addressed by councillor Singleton particularly the case of the October 2008 Parish election where one of the candidates involved was councillor Singleton himself. This election cost the parish almost £3000 for less then 300 to vote, and Mr Singleton was not elected!

He was later appointed through the normal 'managed co-option' method which he originally rejected and costs nothing. It was this needless and expensive election in fact which contributed to my decision to resign from my position as a Parish Councillor in protest.

I saw this election as a personal, politically motivated act (borne out by the fact that in June 2009 Councillor Singleton stood as a Liberal Democrat for Thurmaston in an

attempt to be elected onto the Leicestershire County Council – annual allowance £11,000 plus expenses) and I strongly believe that political ambition of this kind has no place on a village Parish Council.

There was also no response to other criticisms raised in the issue 25 about 40% of the Parish Precept being spent on staff wages or about how the council proposes to cover the cost of the increased utility charges. It seems that the politicians knack of not answering the questions raised by Joe Public spread to Sibley.

Richard Kinton  
Ex Sibley PC 2004-2008.

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*Our next issue deadline for submission*

*Is Friday March 25th 2011*

*To:*

*The editor*

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# SELF SERVE CHECKOUTS

Have you noticed the amount of self-serve checkouts appearing in our larger stores?

A certain local DIY store has them; I am invariably asked, “Would you like to use the self serve checkout sir?”

I avoid the question. I avoid eye contact.

The cashier explains that it is to make it quicker for the customer (that’s strange, I thought it was to save the store money? Silly me!)

No thanks I eventually answer and continue to queue.

“I’ll show you how its works”

“No thank you”, I continue to queue.

I am not of the age of taking in instructions. She could explain how the dreaded system works till she is blue in the face. I will not ‘get it’.

I queue and watch the checkout in question. Customers are using them, guided by the cashier. Our queue goes down quicker than theirs. Things are going wrong on their checkout – cards put in backwards, over 60’s – discount cards are rejected – the cashier intervenes and with a pitying look, again instructs.

I am out of the store and away. The self serve checkout still being used with resentment.

If the store really wanted to make paying faster they would open another till.

I have wandered around the store, selected my purchases in my time and I deserve to be served!

I am reliably informed that there is soon to be a Family Fun day, where all can stack shelves. It’ll be quicker that way.

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# **Sileby Parish Plan Group Draws to a Close After Three Successful years:**

## **A Report from the Group...**

**I**t is now 2010 and Sileby Parish Plan Group has been in existence for three years. We hope that we have achieved some of the things that you, the people of Sileby, wanted from the 2007 questionnaire.

We will be making this the last year to be together as a group, but as there have been many new groups set up during this time feel that our time has come to end the Group.

We do, however, still have many items on the agenda still to finish. My own project is to have flower boxes at the entrances to the village. This now seems possible as the Group have been allocated £2,500 from the £20,000 Participatory Budget of the Area Forum . This will also go towards new street map notice board of Sileby to replace the old one in High Street. There will also be a new map put in the Charnwood Notice Board in the Car Park, and in the Memorial Park. The maps have been researched by my husband, who also did the Village Walks leaflet. Some of the other items still to be addressed are the landscaping of Sileby brook, which the Environment Agency is looking into and the revival of the Sileby Gala. (see separate article)

Below are our achievements so far, but keep looking on the Village Notice Boards, (some new ones will be appearing soon on Cossington Road and Ratcliffe Road. These will be provided by Sileby Parish Council) for details of meetings of the various new groups.

1. A green Environmental Group has been formed and meets at the Green Place.
  2. A new walks leaflet has been produced and can be found in the library, Community Centre and various shops. There are three walks of varying length through the Parish of Sileby.
  3. A Business Group has been formed and there are now a good variety of shops in the village.
  4. Various areas in the village are now fitted with C.C.T.V. cameras.
  5. A disabled access survey was carried out and it was found out that there are no problems (apart from the railway station).
  6. Various Play Schemes have been organised by the Charnwood Play Ranger.
  7. New Neighbourhood Watch schemes have been started.
  8. A new village website has been set up and can be found by going onto the Leicestershire Villages website.(<http://www.leicestershirevillages.com/sileby/>)
  9. New electronic speed warning signs have been put up and a Speed Watch survey has been completed.
  10. A V.D.S (Visual Design Statement) has been completed and is now with Charnwood Borough Council.
  11. A new Heritage Group has been formed and welcomes new members (see the Sileby Village website for more information).
- All Sports Clubs for juniors and adults are now well advertised both on the village notice

boards and on the village web-site.

Now is the time to say "Thank You" to everyone who has been involved with the Parish Plan Group. That is our chairman Gordon, who has kept us on the straight and narrow, Hazel Fish, from the Rural Community Council, who has been such a big help in advising us on so many things. Roy and Ken, Rob and Viv, Darren and Robert, Eva for taking the minutes and Dave and Paul. Without these people so much of the above items would not have been achieved.

So now it is up to you, the people of Sileby to keep the groups going from strength to strength, if everyone helps in a small way by working together.

### **SILEBY WILL BE AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN.**

Written by Christine, Sileby Parish Plan Group

## **The Sileby Website (Leics. Villages)**

**T**he website has been operating for about 7 years without a local Sileby administrator. I have now volunteered to take on this position to promote and improve the site over the next year or so. I have been using the site myself for over 2 years now, mainly to provide a website for Sileby Tennis Club. In that time, I have also added general items of interest such as up to date village photos, items for the events diary, notice board and news section.

Recently I have contacted sports clubs and shops to encourage them to have a page on the **Local Pages** section. Most have said they are interested, so where they already have a website I have provided a page with a link straight to their website. The shops are listed under a new title, **Shopping in Sileby**.

Have a look and see if your Group or Shop is listed. If not, let me know.

Ideally all the different groups in the village should have a page to advertise what they do in the village. Each page can be updated at any time by a member of that group if they are registered to the website, on a do-it-yourself basis, with help from the **Help Section** or myself if needed.

The **Help Button** at the top of the home page provides video guides to get you started adding items to the site.

The **Information** section provided by Leicestershire Villages.com include : - Find My Nearest, Council Services, Planning Applications, Aerial Photographs, Community Transport, Community Learning, Neighbourhood Policing, What's New, Useful Links.

The **Local Postings** section is for local residents to add a wide variety of items under :- News, Events, Picture Gallery, Notice Board, Freeuse Items, Discussion Forums.

The **Web Links** section gives you a direct link to your Councils (Parish, Borough & County) and other important service providers.

So please give the new improved site a try at:- [www.leicestershirevillages.com/sileby](http://www.leicestershirevillages.com/sileby) and add it to your favourites for easy access.

If you have not got the use of a computer, you can book some time on one at the local library who will help you get started. Leaflets about the site are also available at the library.

Dave Thompson, Volunteer Site Administrator

# SILEBY HERITAGE

Pete Campbell and Eric Wheeler —Heritage Wardens

## TIP CLOSURE

**A**t last the time has come!

No more will Sileby and especially Cemetery Rd residents become a focus of “Tip Heading” vehicles.

The opening date of the Mountsorrel Waste Disposal site (at the time of going to press) is Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, although the Sileby Tip will remain open for a short time after that.

### The History of the Site

The first development to the best of my knowledge was the Clay Pit workings and production of Bricks by W.T.Wrights. Known as the Phoenix Works, it remained in production till shortly after the Second World War.

In the early 1950s, with the site overgrown, and the Pits now being used by anglers, a proposal was put forward by the Barrow on Soar R.D.C ( the predecessor of Charnwood Borough Council) to use the land for Landfill.

Sileby Parish Council, supported by Sileby Householders, opposed this. A petition with over 1400 signatures was handed in. Sileby views as usual it would appear were ignored. Some time later the site opened, although supposedly on a temporary basis.

In the late 1960s or early 1970s the site was transformed into an Incinerator Plant, and a Tall Chimney dominated the area. The official opening was attended by Noel Gordon of” Crossroads” fame. The Incinerator Plant was closed down some year’s later, due I believe to high running costs. The date? I am not sure, but certainly pre 1991. The chimney remained for some years, until it was demolished.

Sileby Tip today is out of date, with inconvenient steps, and poor access, especially for service vehicles.

The new site at Mountsorrel is modern, user friendly and more importantly... not in Sileby.

Whilst I can understand the people of Mountsorrel and Quorns concerns, WE HAVE HAD IT FOR 50 YEARS PLUS.



The names of the people on the photo re the Tip article.

**TOP: Michael Thomson,**  
**MIDDLE: Russ Bellshaw**  
**BOTTOM: Ben Richardson**

The adjacent photo shows "The Tip Team" hard at work on another busy day. The lads are employed by Environmental Waste Control who run the site on behalf of Leicestershire County Council.

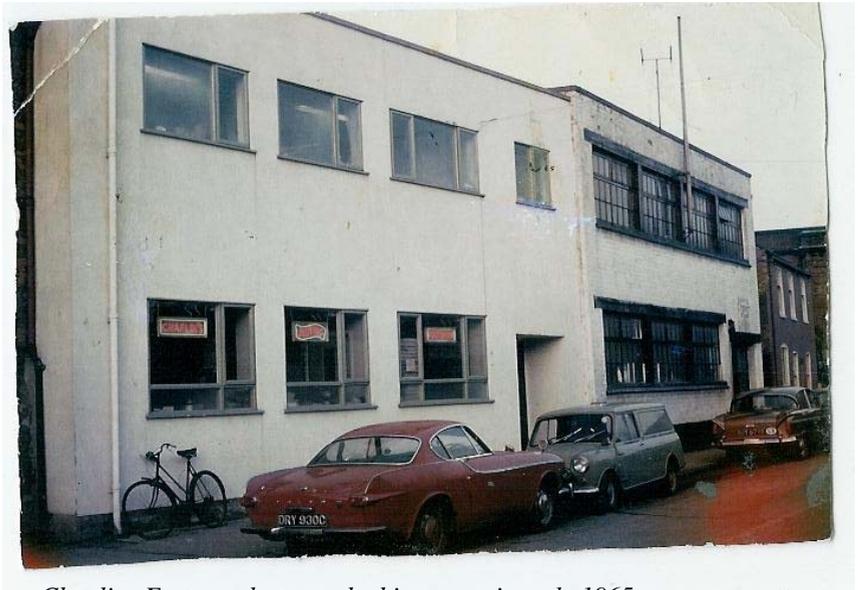
If anybody has dates or photos of the happenings of Sileby Tip I would love to hear about it.

Pete Campbell  
07762 299774 or  
peterbcampbell@yahoo.co.uk

## THE CHAPLIN OF CHAPLINS CLOSE

It is approx sixty years since Ernest Chaplin opened his footwear factory on Brook Street. The Company was a Family Affair, with sons and daughters playing their part.

Ernest could be described as a second-generation boot and shoe pioneer. His Father, William had arrived in Sileby, in the 1880s with the company of Thomas Crick. Crick could certainly be de-



*Chaplins Factory photographed in approximately 1965*

scribed as a Pioneer, having invented a process for attaching the sole to the upper.

Initially living on Mountsorrel Lane, he later moved his family to Rose Cottage on Cossington Rd. This sat on the land between Chine House and Complete Wasters. Now demolished, it was a slate roofed two-storey cottage.

Ernest was born here, the youngest of seven children in 1892. As a teenager, he was a keen photographer. One or two of his photos (some initialled) are still turning up. Some taken from Rose Cottage.

He served in the Army during the Great War. On his return he entered the Shoe

Trade. During the years immediately after the War he met and married Edith Kirk from Cossington. They had three children, living at that time on King Street.

In the early 1920s Edith was taken ill, and died of T.B.

Ernest struggled to bring up the children, but with the help of relatives, he coped. However he realised that a more permanent solution was needed. The situation took a turn for the better. On a visit to relatives in Sutton on Trent, he met Doris Summers, and after a short courtship, they married in Jan 1927.

They had two daughters in the early years of the marriage, bringing the total number of children to five.

After an early "Dip" into footwear ownership, he eventually bought his own premises on King Street (see photo). He ran this successful business with the help of his family till his death in 1966. (Doris had passed away in 1963.). The company eventually succumbed to cheap foreign imports in the 1970s

As a youngster I remember Ernest as a diminutive figure, usually wearing a Trilby, and always appearing "busy". He was a member of various Choirs, the Sileby Adult School, and throughout his life a keen Church and/or Chapel Man.

So **THAT** is the Chaplin in Chaplin Close

## **FLATS**

Have you noticed that the 19 flats on Swan Street are now being occupied?

The long wait is over.

I took this photo in 2004 when planning permission had been granted. It was demolished shortly after!

I had nearly forgotten the building that was there.



When I was young this was an Engineering Factory owned by Kenny Saunders (always know as Kenny Grabs).

The building was built I believe around the late 1930's early 1940's, but I am happy to be challenged on that.

Before that the land had belonged to Edgar Ward and appears to have been used for pigs, ducks & chickens!

The Sileby Heritage Group was set up in 2008 following several expressions of interest from people of the village in the 2007 Sileby questionnaire. The focus of the group for the first few months was preparation of the 40+ exhibition boards for the “Yesterday Today” event held over the Easter weekend in 2009.

Following that very successful exhibition the Group then turned its’ attention to establishing a constitution, electing officers and sorting out a varied programme of meetings for the months to follow.

Our activities to date include

- Visit to the huge historical collection at the Leicestershire Museum Services Resource centre at Barrow upon Soar;
- Guided tour of the Leicestershire records office at Wigston Magna including a tailored selection of records/maps/photos of Sileby;
- A talk on the origin of Place Names;
- A fascinating visit to Quebec Farm where the owner has an incredible heritage collection;
- Field walking on the outskirts of Sileby; and
- An exciting tour around the nearby British Gypsum mine and factory

The group meets regularly, about once a month, and when we are not out and about, we look at Sileby Heritage issues like the census, railway and historic buildings. Whilst some members of Group have a wealth of heritage knowledge, the average member brings their personal knowledge of Sileby life to the mix and we all learn from each other in an informal and friendly environment.

If you are interested in joining the Group please contact Vivienne Thompson at [mudderviv@gmail.com](mailto:mudderviv@gmail.com) or phone 0788 150 1974.

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## **ANNUAL SWITCH ON OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – 3 DECEMBER 2010**

The Annual Switch-On of the Christmas Lights will take place on Friday, 3 December 2010. As in previous years the entertainment and the switch on ceremony will be performed in front of Sibley Community Centre, on the High Street.

A short carol service will commence at 6.00 pm after which the lights will be switched on. There will be entertainment by Bill Brookman from 5.30 pm and the ‘Steel Pans’ band will be performing too. The fairground rides will be there as usual on Back Lane.

The Victorian Market will be held in the Sports Hall and will open following the lighting ceremony. Coffee and mince pies will be served in the Community Centre.

*Please come and join us, we look forward to seeing you there!*

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS**

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Councillor Mr W Wise	01509 814130

We would like to welcome our two new co-opted Councillors - Mrs J Gratton and Mr B Carr

### **Officers**

Mrs R Richardson	Clerk
Mrs J Lovatt	Assistant to Clerk
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Highways plan to reduce street lighting across the county over 4 years starting April next year to save carbon emissions and reduce costs by up to a quarter. They have 66,000 street lights generating 13,000 tonnes of carbon a year and costing over £3m in electricity. Most street lights will go off between midnight and 05.30 hours and others will be dimmed when traffic is low. In rural areas lights will be switched off only where it won't affect road safety. Quorn is likely to be the first village to go ahead. In town centres and areas of traffic calming the lights won't be affected. To see the areas go to [www.leics.gov.uk/lighting](http://www.leics.gov.uk/lighting) where proposals for villages will be listed as they are agreed or 'phone 0116 305 0001. Police are involved to make sure that crime is considered before any decisions are made."

# Sileby Scarecrow Weekend

Firstly, Sileby Parish Council would like to congratulate the winners, and to say a big thank you on making the weekend a success, and for participants taking the time to gather for the presentation evening held a couple of weeks later.

On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July, Sue Smith (Garden Enthusiast from South Croxton), Mr Gray Benzi and Mrs Carol Benzi (all round good eggs from Loughborough) and I cruised round the village to the 23 locations of the adventurously displayed scarecrows, taking notes on the attributes of the scarecrows, ie novelty value, imagination, difficulty, age of participants etc. We had a really amusing and exciting time, it was a glorious day, and a good time was had by all. The judges then retired to deliberate on their choice of winners. A very intense time ensued, with some very difficult decisions eventually made. The day was then rounded off with a few drinks!

A Presentation Evening, hosted by Sileby Parish Council, was held at Sileby Community Centre in the middle of August, where residents of Sileby, and their friends and family, were greeted with a warm welcome and a glass of wine.

Madam Chairman, Mrs Betty Crick, opened the proceedings on behalf of the Sileby Parish Council, with a lovely welcome. Councillor Bill King then introduced Mr Alan Higgs, who had kindly agreed to give up his night to MC for the evening. After settling the audience down with some comic lines and banter, and more thanks for all who had given their time to help make a success of this intended annual event, he also thanked the sponsors, who by being so generous, meant that all entrants to the competition could receive a prize.

Sponsors were:-

Sileby Parish Council, Sunrise Poultry, Grounds Maintenance Contractors, Costcutters, Chine House Vets, Derry's Nurseries, McDonalds, Heaps Hardware, Inspirations, Lanza's (Hairdressers), Mr & Mrs King, and Goscote Nurseries.

Then to the presentation of the prize winners... the doors at the back of the room opened, and to the background music of 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' by Judy Garland, in skipped Dorothy, with Toto and the Scarecrow, who had taken time off from travelling along the yellow brick road looking for the Emerald City to assist our three judges in presenting the prizes to the worthy winners. There were lots of prizes from cash prizes, vouchers, flower arrangements to a kettle!

The judges were thanked for their time and presented with bouquets. The evening was wound up with more thanks, especially to the Clerk, Rosemary Richardson, and her Assistant, Julie Lovatt, and finally a special thanks to Dorothy and Scarecrow, aka Alex and Fee.

*Councillor Bill King – Sileby Parish Council  
September 2010*

# Sileby Rugby Goes From Strength to Strength

**S**ileby Town RFC, aka “The Vikings”, are now well in to our fourth season and 2010 has been a fantastic year for the club so far. We have welcomed a number of new faces to our squad, established ourselves in our new home at Platts Lane and secured the purchase of a set of floodlights to enable us to continue to train outside on these dark winter evenings.

Our annual truck-pull event at the end of August saw us once again raising several thousand pounds for the Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland Air Ambulance while having an absolutely fantastic day dragging an 8-tonne truck from Loughborough back to Sileby via our new ground in Cossington. Whilst on the subject of our new ground, we'd like to say a big thank you to all who attended our open day at the beginning of September where Matt Hampson was kind enough to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony on the new pitch, which that afternoon saw us win our inaugural match 25-7 over our old custodians – Aylestone St. James RFC. This put us in good spirits for the following week when we won the first League game of the season by an impressive 62-22 over Leicester Forest.

We've had great support from many villagers coming to see us play both at Home and Away matches. If you'd like to come along and watch then our remaining fixtures for the season are provided below. We hope to see you there! We are also always on the lookout for new players of any skill level or experience; from novices, who have literally never played before, to the more experienced player looking to get back in to the game. So, if you're over 18 and would like to get involved then please contact either our Club Captain, Mark Walker on 07793536845 or Club Chairman, Steve Hillyer on 07860608550. Alternatively, please check out our website at [www.silebyrfc.co.uk](http://www.silebyrfc.co.uk). Come on Vikings!!

Fixture		Home Team		Away Team
20 10	04-Dec	Sileby Town	v	Hinckley 4th XV
	11-Dec	Loughborough 4th XV	v	Sileby Town
20 11	15-Jan	Sileby Town	v	Lutterworth 3rd XV
	05-Feb	Market Harborough 3rd XV	v	Sileby Town
	12-Feb	TBC (Quarter Finals)	v	TBC (Quarter Finals)
	19-Feb	Vipers 3rd XV	v	Sileby Town
	26-Feb	TBC (Semi Finals)	v	TBC (Semi Finals)
	05-Mar	Sileby Town	v	Syston 4th XV
	12-Mar	Hinckley 4th XV	v	Sileby Town
	26-Mar	Sileby Town	v	Loughborough 4th XV
	16-Apr	Leicester Forest 3rd XV	v	Sileby Town

County Bowl fixture

League fixture

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



I would like to wish everyone in Sileby and the wider Loughborough constituency a safe and happy festive season. It has been a fantastic few months since being elected, and I am thoroughly enjoying serving the Loughborough Constituency. If you would like to contact me at any stage to make an appointment or discuss issues, please feel free to email me at [nicky.morgan.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:nicky.morgan.mp@parliament.uk), or call my office on 01509 262 723. And remember to keep an eye on my website for updates from Central Government and also the local area.

Best wishes,

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MP for Loughborough

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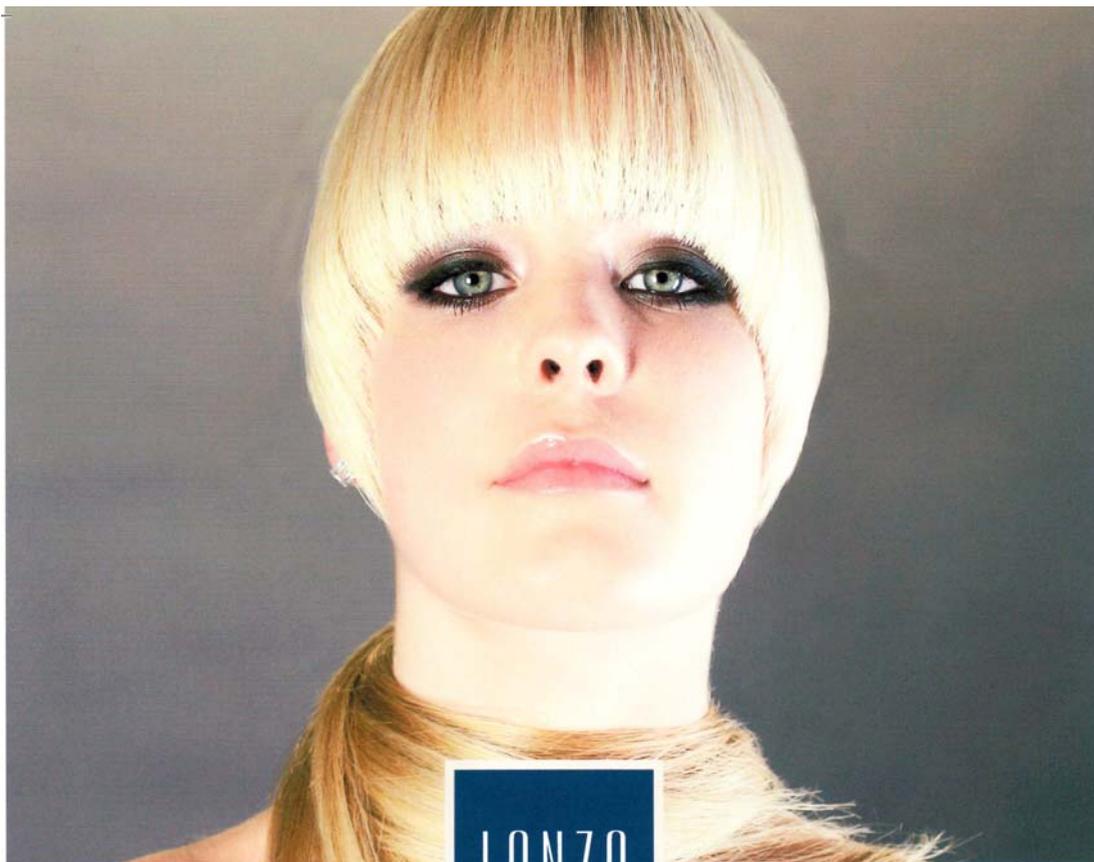
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