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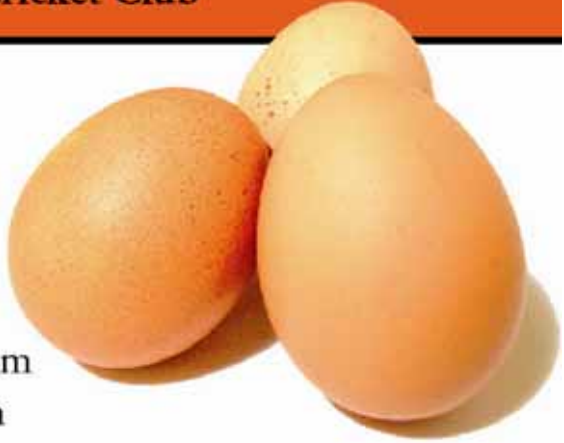
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Front Cover Picture: The railway bridge on Brook Street, just one of the many bridges that can be found within the borders of Sileby. Do you know them all? Find out on page 9

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FORWARD

When I was asked to write this I wondered what I should write about and it was suggested that something to do with the Parish Council would be good. The Council has been a big part of my life and the life of my family. When I first thought of putting my name forward for nomination both Stuart and I realised he would have a big part to play, as the children were still small and his main part would be baby sitting, as well as supporting me at Civic functions. For the first three or four years I was involved not as a Council member but just an member of the Public, but I found it most interesting and I really enjoyed knowing what was happening in my village. The first election I fought I was not successful, as I stood for the opposite ward to where I lived, and it was pointed out to me that I should be quite pleased with the result as none of my neighbours or acquaintances in my ward were able to vote for me. During what I think of as my training I was included in many of the council's various functions.

At this time the village was quite different from today. We were most definitely an Industrial village with many factories both small and large, mostly shoeing and knitwear. Today, most of the factories have gone and we are a dormitory village for the larger towns of Loughborough and Leicester as well as other surrounding towns. Now, some thirty odd years since I was first elected, the Council has also had to change. We are now much more accountable for the actions we approve, and must make everything open to the public via the internet not just put a copy of the minutes in the Library as was the practice in the past.

I have always found working with the Council very interesting, but I accept it is not for everyone, as it can take up a lot of spare time, and I most certainly get very involved, but that's just the way I am! Growing up with the Council and its business has rubbed off onto two of my children and one of my daughters is now on the other side of the council, as a Parish Council Clerk, and my other daughter keeps well up with the business of the town where she lives.

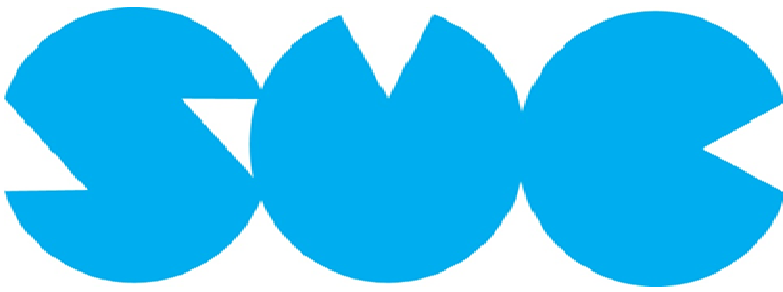
We do have vacancies on the council between the elections, due to various reasons, and I would recommend that anyone interested in the place where they live should give serious thought to joining the Council. I am always ready to talk to anyone interested, so just give me a ring. The contact details of the councillors are always available from the office on 10509 813075 or clerk@silebyparishcouncil.org.uk I look forward to hearing from you.

Betty Ann Crick

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Sileby Youth Club: Volunteers Needed

Dear Sileby Residents

This is a little letter from your youth club to let you know how we are getting on.

The club is continuing to thrive, with more than 40 members attending regular club nights. Since the summer we have had two successful fund raising events (one in the summer and one at the Christmas light switch on), both of which were well-supported by the public. This support from you is greatly appreciated and has helped no end. With some time and effort we were also successful in obtaining some money to make a community garden at the rear of the club which we hope should help liven up the area; this work is ongoing but should be taking shape soon.

Although fund raising at the moment seems to be going well, the sudden departure of one of our paid workers to pastures new has left us with a vacancy in our staff. This role relies on turning up every week to provide support to the responsible youth worker and help run each night's activities. This **vacancy needs filling desperately**, so, if anyone reading this thinks they (or someone they know) may be able to fill this role then please get in contact and get more information from us ASAP! We are also always on the lookout for volunteer workers to provide support to the paid workers on a club night.

If you would like to know more about Sileby Youth Club or would like to volunteer, please don't hesitate to contact me on the telephone number below. It would be great to hear from you.

Written on behalf of the whole committee:

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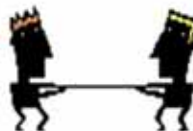
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HOW MANY BRIDGES ARE THERE IN SILEBY?

Arising from one of many interesting discussions with Keith and Pauline Carvill the above question was posed. With the help of 2½” to the mile Ordnance Survey Maps and a lot of legwork the following list has been compiled which may or may not be complete.

The Bridges can be put into four categories:

Bridges over Sileby Brook and feeder streams	22
Bridges over and under the Railway	9
Bridges over the River Soar and the Grand Union Canal	8
Mill Lane	4
Mountsorrel Lane & Slash Lane	7
Cossington Road and the Meadows	9
Barrow Road area	12
Others	7
TOTAL	<u>78</u>

Bridges over Sileby Brook and feeder streams

Sileby Brook enters the parish from Seagrave close to Hanover Lodge and enters the River Soar at Sileby Mill. The following list shows all of the bridges along its course together with those over feeder streams.

- 61550/16675 Off Seagrave Road The footpath from Seagrave to Sileby crosses a dyke feeding Sileby Brook by a concrete sleeper footbridge. This dyke marks the parish boundary. Almost immediately the footpath crosses the access road to Hanover Lodge.
- 61680/16650 Off Seagrave Road A brick bridge with metal handrails carries the unsurfaced road from Seagrave Road to Hanover Lodge. The bridge portals at brook level are extensively overgrown.
- 61240/16125 Seagrave footpath The footpath from Seagrave to Sileby crosses a dyke feeding Sileby Brook by a concrete sleeper footbridge.
- 61105/16000 Seagrave footpath The footpath from Sileby to Seagrave crosses another dyke feeding Sileby Brook by a concrete sleeper footbridge.
- 61020/15620 Heathcote Drive A brick bridge is close to Busy Bees Supermarket and the open space to the rear of Gibson Road. The brook passes underneath Heathcote Drive through a concrete tunnel.
- 60930/15510 Hanover Drive. A footpath goes between Nos 7 and 9 Hanover Drive to the open space, above, and crosses the brook by a small brick arched footbridge with a concrete lip and tubular handrails.
- 60920/15500 Hanover Drive A private timber bridge at the rear of No 7 gives access across the brook.
- 60910/15490 Hanover Drive A private timber bridge at the rear of No 5 gives access across the brook.
- 60900/15480 Hanover Drive A private timber bridge at the rear of No 3 gives access across the brook.
- 60600/15330 Memorial Park A concrete footbridge with a brick arch and tubular handrails takes the footpath from Highgate Road to the Memorial Park.

- 60660/15250 Swan Street A concrete road bridge with brick parapets.
- 60500/15250 off Hobbs Wick ‘Bustle Bridge’ is a concrete footbridge with tubular handrails which carries the footpath from Cygnet Close to The Banks emerging at the side of Lanza Hair Salon.
- 60450/15200 Hobbs Wick ‘A Ward’s Bridge’ is a concrete footbridge built by Arch Ward in 1934 to give access to four houses he had built in the old Hobbs Wick across the Brook.
- 60400/15150 Junction of Brook Street, Burton Walk, The Banks and Albion Road The Brook flows under this junction through a concrete bridge with a concrete side, Hobbs Wick side, and steel handrails on the other, Brook Street, side.
- 60350/15125 Brook Street A concrete footbridge with tubular handrails that allowed users of The Fountain Inn (now demolished) easy access to Brook Street.
- Brook Street NB. The Brook and Brook Street both pass under the railway bridge which is listed separately under Railway Bridges
- 60250/15075 Back Lane A concrete road bridge with brick parapets.
- 60200/15050 Cossington Road Dudley’s Bridge is a brick arched road bridge at the start of Cossington Road originally donated to the village by John and Eleanor Dudley.
- 60100/15025 High Street Hidden away at the end of a drive at the side of the paper shop and out of sight from Dudley’s Bridge is a steel footbridge with timber handrails giving access to No 18 High Street.
- 59950/15025 Sibley Meadows A concrete bridge with steel handrails between Dudley’s Bridge and Mill Lane giving access to fields.
- 59875/15030 Sibley Meadows A concrete bridge with steel handrails between Dudley’s Bridge and Mill Lane giving access to fields.
- 59500/14810 Sibley Meadows An unsurfaced dilapidated brick bridge taking a footpath from Mill Lane towards Cossington.
- 59300/14865 Mill Lane A three brick arched road bridge over the brook before it enters the marina and the River Soar.

Railway Bridges – when the railway was expanded to carry two extra tracks most of the blue brick bridges on the western side were widened using red bricks. The bridges all carry numbers allocated by the railway and are listed in order from south, Cossington, to north, Barrow upon Soar.

- 60825/14110 BR No 45 On the parish boundary with Cossington the stream from Sea-grave to the River Soar passes under the railway through a substantial brick bridge.
- 60340/15040 BR No 46 Back Lane Railway Bridge is a brick bridge allowing traffic to pass one way from Albion Road to back Lane and Brook Street.
- 60290/15100 BR No 47 Brook Street Bridge is a brick double bridge with steel handrails at rail level carrying the railway over both Brook Street and the Brook.
- 60190/15250 BR No 48 King Street Bridge is a steel bridge carrying the railway over the road adjacent to the station.
- 60100/15360 BR No 49 The High Bridge is a sleeper footbridge with steel framework carrying the footpath from Barrow Road to King Street.
- 59900/15650 BR No 50 A red and blue brick bridge with concrete decking. The access track leaves Barrow Road between numbers 184 and 186..
- 59750/15875 BR No 51 The ‘Blue Bridge’ gives access to Barrow Road Allotments and the Delph Hole – but it is red on the allotment side.
- 59525/16200 BR No 52 A red and blue brick bridge with steel handrails carries the

railway over the Bridle Road to Walton.

59315/16400 BR No 53 On the parish boundary with Barrow upon Soar in Hayhill Industrial Estate the railway crosses over the stream from Seagrave to the River Soar.

Bridges over the River Soar and Grand Union Canal – the river and canal enter the parish from Cossington in the south and the bridges are listed in order going northwards towards Mountsorrel

59355/14680 Sileby Mill No 21D - 100 yards or so south of Sileby lock the towpath crosses the weir by a timber footbridge.

59250/14800 Sileby Mill The footpath to Mountsorrel quickly crosses three bridges. The first bridge – timber (in poor condition) with steel plate decking - crosses the canal overflow and effectively replaces the washed away bridge.

59250/14770 Sileby Mill The second timber bridge also with steel plate decking takes the footpath over the weir.

59240/14750 Sileby Mill No 22 – This bridge takes the footpath over the lock and is of concrete design and construction.

59255/14720 Sileby Mill Slate Bridge. After the third bridge the footpath to Mountsorrel crosses an overflow stream. The bridge is merely a piece of slate with a single steel handrail.

59230/14780 Sileby Mill Private footbridge with a steel framework and timber decking giving access to a boat mooring. It is located roughly where the bridge over the weir was washed away many years ago.

59160/14875 Canal No 23 - Roving Bridge. To the north of the marina the towpath crosses the river by a concrete arch footbridge with timber decking and handrails.

58675/15345 River Soar Near to the parish boundary the river leaves the canal and a timber footbridge crosses the weir.

Mill Lane

59500/14975 Mill Lane A sleeper bridge giving occasional access to the cricket ground from Mill Lane

59500/14973 Mill Lane Almost opposite the above bridge a timber bridge across the dyke carried a footpath but appears to be disused.

59300/14890 Mill Lane The remains of a bridge over the old canal to a field – long-since closed off.

59290/14890 Mill Lane Through a gate there is a bridge providing road access to narrow boat moorings.

Mountsorrel Lane & Slash Lane

Between the Cricket Ground and Essex Bridge there are dykes on both sides of Mountsorrel Lane. There are a total of 12 crossings of the two dykes – 6 on each side most of which do not qualify as bridges.

On the river (west) side of Mountsorrel Lane.

59510/15070 Mountsorrel Lane A covered in pipe takes a dyke under the access to Sileby Cricket Ground Car Park.

59070/15190 Mountsorrel Lane Another pipe giving access to a field over a dyke with

a singular tubular handrail.

On the Sileby (east) side of Mountsorrel Lane.

58965/15340	<u>Mountsorrel Lane</u>	2 concrete sleepers comprising a footbridge over the dyke takes a footpath to Barrow Road.
58790/15485	<u>Mountsorrel Lane</u>	Essex Bridge takes the road to Mountsorrel over the River Soar.
59020/15700	<u>Slash Lane</u>	A bridge over a stream between two fields.
58925/15625	<u>Slash Lane</u>	A bridge over a stream giving access to fields from Slash Lane.
58900/15650	<u>off Slash Lane</u>	A pipe takes the stream under the road. There are double tubular handrails each side of the road.

Cossington Road and the Meadows - opposite the bottom of Charles Street between No's 90 & 92 a footpath leads to Cossington. At the parish boundary a path goes to the right and passes through the meadows on the way to Sileby Lock

60100/14350	<u>off Cossington Road</u>	From the footpath in the direction of the meadows a bridge over a stream connecting two farm fields can be seen.
60100/14425	<u>off Cossington Road</u>	From the footpath in the direction of the meadows a bridge over a stream connecting two farm fields can be seen.
60125/14270	<u>off Cossington Road</u>	On the footpath from between numbers 90 & 92 Cossington Road the first bridge crossed is a slate bridge over a stream.
60095/14220	<u>off Cossington Road</u>	A sleeper bridge over a stream on the footpath from Cossington Road to Cossington.
60000/14075	<u>off Cossington Road</u>	A bridge over a stream on the parish boundary with Cossington. (Turn right)
59950/14000	<u>Meadows</u>	A short distance after the right turn there is a bridge over a stream for a footpath and farm vehicles.
59750/14200	<u>Meadows</u>	The footpath runs beside one of the recent ponds and there is evidence of a bridge but it may be blocked off.
59700/14300	<u>Meadows</u>	Before passing through a gate there is a bridge over a stream for the footpath and wide enough for farm vehicles.
59655/14290	<u>Meadows</u>	A footpath leads from Sileby Mill towards Cossington and it crosses a small stream by a sleeper footbridge with a single timber handrail.

Barrow Road area

59780/15400	<u>off Barrow Road</u>	A bridge carrying a farmer's access and the footpath from Barrow Road to Mountsorrel Lane. In effect it is a large pipe covered in.
59650/15300	<u>off Barrow Road</u>	The footpath from Barrow Road to Mountsorrel Lane continues over a sleeper bridge.
59775/15685	<u>Off Barrow Road</u>	A bridge over stream in fields – seen from opposite 198 Barrow Road.
59750/15750	<u>Off Barrow Road</u>	A bridge over stream in fields – seen from opposite 202 Barrow Road.
59645/15880	<u>Off Barrow Road.</u>	A bridge over stream in fields.
59280/15865	<u>Off Barrow Road.</u>	A bridge over stream in fields.

- 59940/16100 From Barrow Road Under the Blue Bridge is the access to the Delph Hole. Beyond the Delph Hole there is a channel feeding it which is crossed by a basic bridge – a pipe concreted in.
- 60000/16750 From Barrow Road The bridle road to Walton crosses a stream by a footbridge which is a pipe with brick walls either side.
- 59710/16840 From Barrow Road After crossing the road to British Gypsum the bridle road to Walton crosses the stream from Seagrave by a small footbridge.
- 60250/17750 From Barrow Road The road to British Gypsum crosses the above stream.
- 59200/16240 Barrow Road Next to Stone’s Garage the road crosses the stream from Seagrave to the River Soar.
- 59250/16300 Hayhill Estate Probably the newest bridge in the parish crosses the stream from Seagrave between the railway bridge and the bridge on Barrow Road

Ratcliffe Road, Seagrave Road etc

- 61540/14880 Ratcliffe Road. As Ratcliffe Road leaves the parish it crosses a bridge, just before Lodge Farm, over the stream from Seagrave to the River Soar.
- 61700/15090 Off Ratcliffe Road A footpath heads towards Ratcliffe College. The above stream is crossed by a double sleeper footbridge with a singular tubular handrail.
- 60515/16760 Off Seagrave Road At Canbyfield Lodge is a pipe taking a stream under the unsurfaced access road.
- 60485/16730 Off Seagrave Road The second bridge at Canbyfield Lodge over the stream has a cattle grid with horizontal timbers either side.
- 60550/16580 Off Seagrave Road Near Canbyfield Lodge is a farm road bridge over a stream between fields with a tubular handrail on each side.
- 60450/16700 off Seagrave Road Beyond Canbyfield Lodge there is a farm road bridge which is basically a pipe carrying a stream towards the Delph Hole.
- 60920/18060 Off Big Lane From Big Lane, Seagrave a footpath heads towards the old Kennels at Barrow upon Soar and almost immediately crosses a brook, feeding the main stream, by a sleeper bridge. As the main stream determines the parish boundary this bridge is in Barrow upon Soar. However, a few yards before the sleeper bridge the stream is crossed by a small footbridge.



SILEBY TENNIS CLUB

It's time to dust off your Racket for another Season of Tennis at Sileby Tennis Club.

This year we have not only **frozen the subscriptions**, but we have introduced a **10% Early Bird Reduction** for adults joining or rejoining before the end of April!

Coaching will be available again this year with Club Coach Steve providing the coaching for all levels.

Regular Club Sessions will be on Wednesday Evenings and Sunday Afternoons for social Fun Tennis.

The Club Championship Knockout Competitions will start in June and continue till the Finals Day in September.

Entry into these FREE Competitions is entirely optional.

Our **OPEN DAY** this year is on Sunday 15th April 11.00 till 2.00pm where there will be Special Offers for those joining on the day!!

Sileby Tennis Club continue to play in the Leicestershire Summer and Winter Leagues and new Team Players are made very welcome. The first of the Practice Sessions are on Sundays 15th and 22nd April at 2.00pm.

New this year we are offering An Evening of Tennis for local Groups and Clubs in the area tailored to suit their needs.

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Visit our website at :-

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Pictured are Sileby Cub scouts enjoying a tennis lesson at the club.



SILEBY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Photographic Society continues to meet on most Monday evenings and the season will run until June. Throughout the year there have been regular competitions and lectures from both some of our own members and some quality external speakers. During the year we have been encouraged by the number of people who have attended the meetings as visitors, some of them then deciding to join us as members. The programme to the end of June was listed in full in Issue 30 of talk@sileby.

The preparation of the follow-up DVD to 'Sileby – then and now' is well under way and it is hoped that it will be ready for viewing later in the year. 'Sileby – People and Places' features old school photographs, parades, and many of a sporting nature – bowls, cricket and football plus lots more. The theme will be – 'if you are not in it you are sure to know someone who is'.

Newcomer to Sileby

Although I'd lived in Leicestershire for nigh on 16 years, I'd never been to Sileby. Why would I? I was aware of the village, and had two impressions in my mind about it. One, that it was not Quorn and two, that the word Sileby sounded like silage. (These impressions were, and still are, correct). The direct bus from Loughborough to Leicester, after showing you the delights of various other Charnwood villages, promptly joined the A6 and missed Sileby out altogether before returning to Birstall. From this, I could only conclude that there was nothing and no one in Sileby.

The time came when we were looking to buy our first house, and being unable to afford the dream period pad in Quorn or Woodhouse, we took lessons from Kirstie and Phil and widened our search area. This was how, one summer's evening, we followed the satnav to Sileby and drove for the first time up the worryingly named Slash Lane. We tried not to let that put us off.

First thing we noticed is that Sileby High Street is actually quite a characterful street. Perhaps it was the romance of the setting summer sun or rose-tinted desperate house-buying specs, but there appeared to be a certain drama in looking up the incline, topped with the old church and the old brewery looming from behind over the little shop fronts. I was pleasantly surprised.

We ditched the car (plenty of parking – good) and did a little circuit by foot whilst sampling some chip shop chips. We noted some independent shops, a library, a suitably intimidating railway bridge and a thatched-roof pub. Duly ticked off our list of requirements were a handy supermarket and a manageable amount of teenagers on street corners.

Reader, we moved here. We are Sileby-ites. We've bought a dog and joined in the mass dog walking that seems to occur twice a day. We've ordered cake from the doorway of the (now sadly closed) bakers whilst holding said dog. We've purchased a life ring from the cool little junk shop. We've huddled by the log burner with coffee and sunbathed outside with lemonade at the Green Place. We've cheered the turning on of the Christmas lights, yelled 'Good Bowl!' at the cricketers and searched for the ponies in Cossington Meadows.

Of course, on the other hand, we've waited on the cold, cold platform for the train that never comes. (I exaggerate. It does come. It just feels as if it never comes). We've sat on the park bench in Brook Street staring straight at the concrete flood overflow. We have also considered investing one of those amphibious 'duck' trucks or, possibly just a canoe, for those times of the year when Sileby becomes the Isle of Sileby.

So we're still here and will be for a while. We recommend it to friends and family. And congratulate ourselves for being lucky out in our search for a new village and picking a good one.

Saturday 16th June 2011

12 noon – 2.30pm

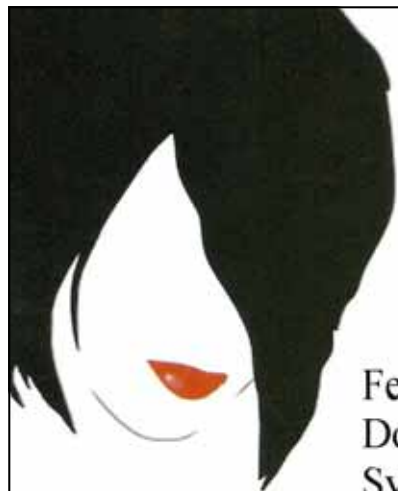
Cossington School Field

It's that time of year again, the fete is back – please support it in any way you can.

**There will be games, stalls, displays, raffle, refreshments etc.
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Solar energy: the five week gold rush

Solar energy is sexy again. But there's a catch. According to David Hill, of Carbon Legacy at HickJing near Nottingham, the government funds available to encourage sustainable energy production will be used up too quickly and only the fortunate few will be able to benefit. 'We can only manage about 90 domestic, and half a dozen commercial installations in the few weeks available,' he told our reporter. 'Even mobilising all our teams, and sticking strictly to the local area is not enough - and we refuse to compromise our standards of materials and installation. It is not fair to expect people to wait, and thus reduce their profits, but what can we do? At the current rate all available installation slots will be booked up within a fortnight.'

The government tried to bring forward a reduction in subsidy, because funds were running low, but the Court of Appeal upheld an objection and so, for just a few weeks, a limited number of home-owners and businesses can have solar panels installed and harvest returns of more than 25% annually - and the subsidy lasts for twenty five years. Everyone agrees that this dithering has created a crisis: "We want to maximise the number of installations that are possible within the available budget rather than use available money to pay a higher tariff to halve the number of installations," said Energy and Climate Change secretary Chris Huhne.

'There is not much money left in the pot, and little chance of the pot being enlarged.' says David. 'The industry believes that the more realistic 21p feedback rate will give a good - but not ridiculous - return, for more people, for longer. This will also help make the Renewable industry into a more predictable and sustainable business that can carry on creating jobs.'

The average home can generate up to four kilowatts, meaning that for an outlay of between £9,000 and £11,000 a family can enjoy a return on investment up to eight times that of banks, premium bonds or ISAs. 'This is too generous to be sustainable, and it is not necessary,' David says. 'People who care about the environment are not motivated to get rich quick - they are happy with a fair return, in the knowledge that in the long term they will benefit the country, as well as themselves personally. We know from the financial world's on-going experiences that periods of boom and bust are not the way!'

Generating across the generations

According to an industry spokesman the latest 'wizard wheeze' is for parents who have already installed panels on their own roofs to buy them, for their children's homes. A Nottingham grandmother remarked 'I am considering spending £10,000 on panels for my son's home. He will get free energy when he and his children need it most, and I can put the profit aside to pay for the grandchildren's university fees. That way everyone benefits - reducing the carbon footprint for three generations and funding a good education into the bargain!' 'Good idea', grinned David Hill. 'But you'd better be quick.'



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I thought it might be of interest for the Sibley magazine to include some extracts from old newspapers which I found when researching my Garner ancestors.

Re: 'Unrest in Sibley':-

The Leicestershire Mercury 10th March 1849:-

THE STRIKE IN THE SOCK BRANCH— DISTURBANCES AT SILEBY COMMITTAL OF THIRTEEN WORKMEN.

For about five weeks past the hands employed in the Leicester Sock Branch of the framework-knitting trade, residing in Belgrave, Thurmaston, Syston, Sibley, &c. &c. have been on strike for an advance in prices, and subscriptions have been made by their neighbours who sympathized with them, towards maintaining them until they could obtain the advance they sought. During this period a few persons have gone to work, and at Belgrave, and also at Thurmaston, some panes of glass were broken in the houses or shops of the persons who had thus recommenced working at the old prices. Such, indeed, was the state of feeling against them, that even where they ascertained who had done the mischief, the injured parties were afraid of bringing the offenders to justice. On Friday the 2nd instant a man named Goodman Oswin, of Sibley, who had been on strike, and had received a share of the funds contributed up to the previous day, began to work, and said he had got the advance which had been turned out for—namely, 31/2d. per dozen on "Two's," and to advance 2d. per size, per dozen, afterwards, instead of three-halfpence as formerly. His fellow-workmen, however, were suspicious that he had been working clandestinely before, and that even then he had not obtained the advance he said he had. No interference, however, appears to have been attempted until Monday morning, when two young men named Jonah Dakin and Jesse Beward went to his shop and wished him to come out. He refused when they said they were paid to fetch him out, and would have him. They attempted to drag him out of his frame, and he took up a sock-weight (a piece of iron, or lead) to defend himself. He was then assaulted, by Beward. in consequence of which he went to the Rev. J. Dudley, and applied for a warrant. The other parties also went to Mr. Dudley at the same time, and complained of Oswin having gone to work, contrary to the conditions of the strike. Oswin gave Mr. Dudley reasons for having gone to work, which the rev. gentleman considered very weighty. After hearing the complaints of both parties, separately, he had them in a room together, and told them that he sympathized with them and had contributed towards their maintenance during the strike, hoping that they would obtain a redress of their grievances. He told them, however, that this was a free country, and they must not interrupt any one who chose to go to work. He cautioned them not to interrupt Oswin, for he should be very sorry to commit them to prison after they had suffered as they had done in their trade, but he must do so if they again interrupted Oswin. Hoping, however, that this caution would be sufficient to prevent a recurrence of the interruption, Mr. D. declined to issue a warrant for the assault. On leaving his house, the parties joined a large crowd of persons who had assembled in the streets to hear the result of the interview with Mr.

Dudley, and there was soon a great huzzing, and cries of " Mt. Dudley won't grant a warrant." A crowd of from 300 to 400 persons went about mid-day to Oswin's house, one of them carrying an effigy, and many of them using violent and threatening language towards Oswin. Several shots were fired at the effigy, and one person dashed it against Oswin's window, breaking several panes. Oswin, who had locked or fastened his doors, went up to his chamber window, and held out another effigy, and also flourished a bundle of socks, or hose in the air towards them. The gun was again fired, and the contents went through Oswin's chamber window. Richard Dakin, the parish constable, was sent for, and he seized the effigy which had been brought by the crowd, and would have carried it away, but it was taken from him and burnt, and he himself assaulted. The excitement was kept up, more or less, during the whole afternoon, and in the evening a large assemblage of persons went to the house of a young man named Henry Calladine, who worked in Oswin's shop, assaulted him, set him on an ass, and led him for some distance, after which he escaped, but not without receiving a rather severe beating. On Tuesday morning the disturbance assumed a more serious character. A crowd of from 300 to 400 persons again went to Oswin's house and shop, and broke all the glass in the windows, except two panes, and in one or two cases the window frames were also demolished. An attempt was also made to break open the doors, and very violent threats were used towards Oswin, if they could get at him. Mr. Dudley was then, for the first time, informed of the renewal of disturbances after his advice of the previous morning, and he immediately sent information to Supt. Burdett, at Syston. That officer, Supt. Hague, and several police constables, from Rothley, Barrow, and Loughborough, were speedily in the village, which they found in a very excited state, and found the feeling so strong against Oswin and Calladine that they deemed it advisable to send them out of the way of their neighbours. Warrants were taken out against a number of the persons who were identified in the crowd, and eight of them were that evening apprehended and lodged in the House of Detention, at Loughborough. On Wednesday several more were apprehended, and on Thursday thirteen were brought before the Loughborough Bench. Five of these, as will be seen, were convicted summarily, and eight were committed, or held to bail for their appearance at the Assizes, when they will be indicted for a riot. Their names will be found in the Petty Sessions Report. Several police officers were kept in the village up to Thursday, and although no mischief was done after their arrival, except the breaking of two panes of glass on Wednesday night, the excitement was still such that it was considered advisable to continue them for a short time longer. Mr. Goodyer, the chief constable, expressed his regret (through Supt. Burdett) to the magistrates that the parish constable had not sent information of the excitement on Monday morning to the nearest police officer, as had he done so there was but little doubt that the worst part of it might have been prevented.

Carole Campbell

Diary Date:- Sibley Parish Council has decided to hold the Best Scarecrow Competition again this year, and it will be held on the weekend 23rd/24th June 2012. Entry forms will be available from the Parish Council Office and various shops around the village – look out for the posters in shop windows and notice boards nearer the time.

SIBLEBY UNITED CHARITIES Sibley United Charities is looking for volunteers to become Trustees of the Sibley United Charities; this should be someone who has knowledge about the older people of Sibley.

The Charity meets three times a year (January, March and July) to discuss and decide which resident receives monies from the charities. In accordance with the Will of William Lane, the five 'oldest and most decayed' men of Sibley receive the sum of £50 and the Vicar the same amount for preaching a sermon.

For the ladies of Sibley approximately 20 recipients receive £10 from the united smaller charities, namely William Bent, Thomas Oswin, Robert Barnard, John Newbold and George Burton. If you are interested please contact The Clerk, Sibley Parish Council, 41 High Street, SIBLEBY Leics LE12 7RX Tel: 01 509 813075. email: clerk@sibleyparishcouncil.org.uk

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Sibley Parish Council is giving each child from the village a memento. We will be contacting the two local primary schools to ascertain the number of children on role and also Cossington and Seagrave Schools, to enquire how many children from the village attend.

If there are any children, of primary age, who do not attend these schools and would like to be considered, please contact the Parish Council Office by the end of April.

VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN. Sibley Parish Council has invested in a mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) which will be sited at four locations in the village -Ratcliffe Road, Barrow Road, Cossington Road and Seagrave Road; this will be moved every few weeks.

The radar speed sign has the proven ability to influence driver behaviour, reduce speeding and draw attention to local limits; we do hope the speed display will have a positive effect on drivers in general.

We would like to thank people for observing the speed limits in the village, particularly near to our schools.

Closing The Loop "When will the work be done?", "Nobody told me when the work was done.", "Was the work ever done?"

The County Council is working to improve how it keeps members of the public informed about progress on highways issues reported via the Customer Service Centre.

At the moment, when a call is made Service Centre staff take details, and a unique reference number is given. County Council officers are then assigned to assess and respond to the incident or enquiry. Officers update the system as they work.

Enquiries can be followed up via the Customer Service Centre by telephone on 0116 305 0001 or by email to customerservices@leics.gov.uk, quoting the reference number previously given. The Customer Service Centre is open from 8.00 a.m until 6.00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

An improvement which the County Council is working on is to make some alterations to current systems that might enable enquirers to receive automatic updates, via email, on the progress of issues raised. This is at an early stage of development; the estimated "live" date is the end of April. Initially, the new arrangement will be available as a pilot scheme for issues concerning street lighting, roads and footways. If the pilot scheme is successful it will be extended.

In the meantime, please let me know of any difficulties you may experience in reporting matters to the Customer Services Centre or finding out about the progress or completion of work.

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Patient Participation Group (PPG) **Friends of Highgate Surgery**

The Patient Participation Group at Highgate Medical Centre has been in existence for twenty years. The PPG gives patients the opportunity to have their say regarding the care and services offered at the surgery. The Group is currently made up of about 10 patients and we would like to expand this, to also include a higher cross section of the practice population. Anyone interested in joining the PPG can complete a form, which is available from the surgery. Also, if you have any ideas for discussion, please write in to May Lakhani (Practice Manager) and your comments will be passed on to the PPG's panel of patients.

The PPG has previously raised funds to buy much-needed medical equipment to improve the care for patients. More recently, the PPG organised an event in October 2011 to celebrate Dr Lak-



hani's 20 years as a GP in Sileby. Also, four members of the PPG took part in the village's Victorian Market in December 2011, dressed as Florence Nightingale, complete with two "patients", and they won first prize. The PPG, along with members of the practice team, will be holding a Health Fair in Spring 2012 to raise awareness of the services available at the surgery. This will be a good opportunity to meet the practice team and members of the PPG. Full details of the event will be available at the practice shortly.

The Banks Surgery has set up a Patient Reference Group.

Patient Reference Groups (PRG's) are made up of volunteers interested in healthcare issues and will also include members of the practice staff. We now meet regularly to discuss ways of making a positive contribution to the services and facilities offered to patients by the surgery.

This group is an excellent way to keep in touch with patient expectations and their perspectives to help improve the patient experience. They can also help to influence commissioning of services and help with practical issues like fundraising and support groups for patients.

A PRG is not a forum for individual complaints or single issue campaigns but to help as a positive way forward in local healthcare.

We are now looking at pro-active engagement of patient representation from a cross section of our practice population. If you would be interested, or know someone who would like to be considered, please contact the surgery on 01509 812343 and either leave your details at reception or ask to speak to Jane Steel. Alternatively you can email me directly on jane.steel@gpc82600.nhs.uk

A.G. & D. Richards of Sileby

Diane and Anthony Richards met in 1974 at Wreake Valley College going on to graduate at Birmingham Aston University and then train in optometry.

Twenty five years ago they were struggling with a big decision; they had been running the Sileby branch of David Austen Optometrists but this was to be closed down. Could they continue to provide the service themselves from rented premises in Sileby? This was 1987 – the year of the stock market crash – not a good time to be investing in a new business. They decided to take the risk, and this was justified when most of their customers from the David Austin practice stayed with them, forming the core of their own new business.

A couple of years later the old wet fish shop in King Street came on the market – the location in the centre of the village was ideal and they could convert the space to their own requirements. This had to be balanced against the risks of investing in a new business at a time when interest rates were high and they were expecting their first baby.

It has been Sileby’s good fortune that they decided to take that risk, bought the shop and the builder moved in. In January 1990 they opened the doors to the King Street premises of A.G. & D. Richards Optometrists.

In addition to providing all the things we expect from the big-name high street optometrists the Richards offer several specialist services – they are qualified to perform minor surgical procedures, such as clearing blocked tear ducts; they have the equipment to photograph the inside of the eyeball - Diane explained to me that this is a useful tool for the monitoring of certain conditions of the eyes. I was astonished to be shown a picture of the inside of an eye, blown up to the size of a dinner plate!

A significant number of dyslexic children can be helped to read by the use of coloured overlays; these are sheets of transparent coloured plastic which are placed over the pages of a book. The words appear against a coloured background, which, for some dyslexics, makes them much easier to read. Richards of Sileby have the expertise to assess the usefulness and prescribe these aids for their dyslexic patients.

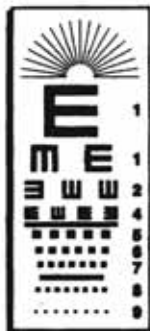
Diane and Anthony’s Optometry practise is one of the building blocks which contribute to Sileby’s status as a village which has (almost) all the shops one can need – and everything else is just a short bus-ride away. We congratulate them on the 25th anniversary of the opening of their Sileby practice.

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Tail-piece - There was something I didn’t understand – so I checked the dictionary:-

“**Optometrist** – a person skilled in testing for defects of vision in order to prescribe corrective glasses. An optometrist deals in more depth with eye health than a dispensing optician, diagnosing and treating visual disorders or diseases.

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

Tuesday Sileby Mill, Mountsorrel Hills, Mountsorrel
17th April Lock, River Soar, Barrow Road
3½ miles

Tuesday Memorial Park, Seagrave, Big Lane,
15th May Old Quorn Hunt Kennels, British Gypsum,
Barrow Road
5 ½ miles

Tuesday Ratcliffe Road, Ratcliffe College, Ratcliffe Barn
19th June Rearsby Mill, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, Ratcliffe Road
5 ½miles

Tuesday Barrow Road. River Soar, Sileby Mill, River
17th July Soar. Cossington Meadows, Cossington Road
4 ½ miles

Tuesday Cossington Road, Platts Lane, Blackberry Lane,
21st August Ratcliffe College, Ratcliffe Road
3½ miles

All persons taking part in these walks must understand that they do so at their own risk. If you enjoy walking and would like to walk more often, the Loughborough & District CHA Rambling Club has a weekly programme of local walks and occasional bus rambles. If you would like more information please ask John or Beverly for a current programme of walks.

Memories from my Childhood.

Did you grow up in the village during the 1950's? If so we are planning an article on this subject and would love to have your reminiscences included. You can send your items to the editor (details on page 4). Alternatively we can arrange for our resident writer to have a chat with you to help put the thoughts into words.

Back Issues.

We have electronic copies of every 31 issues of this magazine, but the printed archive is missing issues 1 and 4, if you have a copy of these and would be prepared to pass them on please get in touch—details on page 4.

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THE OAK BUSINESS CENTRE

A surprising number of Sileby residents either don't know the Oak Business Centre at all or know very little about it. It is the old factory on Ratcliffe Road which was converted to small business units by Charnwood Borough Council in 2003 with the help of a grant from EMDA (East Midlands Development Agency). There are 25 units of varying sizes with around 20 different businesses currently in occupation.

The Oak is possibly the largest single remaining centre for employment in Sileby with an estimated 150-160 people working at the centre in the various businesses. A large proportion of the workers are from Sileby itself. Many of the businesses offer part time and flexible employment to local residents, particularly those with young children, who would find it difficult to travel to Loughborough or Leicester to work. Employment in the Oak generates a great economic benefit to many families and other businesses within Sileby.

You may be surprised at the range of skills and expertise provided by the businesses in the centre. For example, Starchild make shoes for young children and is probably the last remaining shoe manufacturer in the village. Janet Middleton, one of the directors of Starchild worked with some famous fashion designers, including Vivienne Westwood, before moving back to Leicestershire and starting her own brand. Check out the shoes. They really are different – and all produced in Sileby. Their website is www.star-child.co.uk .

A G Organics is a company producing ladies fashions using only organic materials and processes and moved their operation from London to Sileby several years ago. Their clothes are available in some well known High Street outlets. Look out for their label, Annie Greenabelle, next time you are shopping or check out their website at www.anniegreenabelle.com where you can buy direct.

360 Environmental provides support and training to other businesses to ensure that they comply with all of the requirements in handling and disposing of waste. If you want to know anything about waste handling and environmental regulations, contacting the team at 360 Environmental is a good place to start - www.360environmental.co.uk .

Bags2Cover is another small manufacturing company producingwell, bags to cover anything. They specialise in making bags for camping, caravanning and other outdoor equipment, but they will look at any need you have. If you need a bag for anything, check out their website then contact them. They are very friendly and approachable. Try them - www.bags2cover.co.uk .

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of their bacon sandwiches. Have a look at their website - www.pillboxdesign.co.uk .
I'll put a plug in for my business which is Central Business Services. We provide accountancy and bookkeeping services plus business advice and a range of other services to small and medium size businesses. Our client base is predominantly in Sileby and Loughborough but we also have clients in Devon, Norfolk, Cumbria, Hampshire, London – and further afield in Belgium and Greece. We have a lot of volunteers from the staff to do a client visit to Greece! If you are looking for a friendly, local accountant to help you grow your business, give us a call – www.centralbusiness.co.uk .

The Oak Business Centre provides a good working environment and, unusually for this type of complex, there is a large degree of co-operation and mutual help. It's common for ad hoc meetings to take place in the corridor or the kitchen with business owners discussing problems or asking advice. Overall, the Oak is a friendly enjoyable place to work.

This article has only briefly mentioned a few of the businesses in the centre and highlighted the importance of the employment opportunities which it brings to the village. Maybe other businesses within the Oak Business Centre can be featured in future editions of Talk@Sileby to demonstrate the economic benefits which the Centre brings to the village. If you would like to learn more, let us know.

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Charnwood WIGs

The New Women's Institute in Charnwood

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A new friendly Women's Institute group is being launched in January 2012 in East Goscote. The Charnwood Women's Institute Girls will meet once a month in the village hall and all new members will be made very welcome. Sharon Burditt, Natalie McKeown and Nikki Drew are launching the 'new style' WI group, which will be aimed at first time members from Syston, East Goscote, Queniborough, Sileby, Rearsby, Thurmaston and anywhere else in the Charnwood area! If you can make it to our meeting, you are very welcome!

Charnwood WIGs is a fun way to try new things in 2012 and meet new friends along the way. Members will get a chance to learn new activities including crafts, cooking, fashion, health and wellbeing as well as listening to speakers talk about a variety of subjects. Many women feel they have missed out on some traditional craft and cooking skills and we aim to give everyone a chance to try something new in a relaxed and friendly environment. Themes for the spring 2012 meetings include cocktail making, yoga and beginners crafts. In February, we will be welcoming Holly Bell from 'The Great British Bake-Off' who will be making cup cakes with the group! Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to attend the **first free open meeting** which will be held on **Thursday January 26th 2012** at East Goscote Village Hall at 8pm. More information can be found via our Facebook group 'Charnwood W.I' or via 0785 679 5124 You are very welcome to attend either with a group of friends or on your own. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our exciting new group.



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Fund raising activities have ranged from coffee mornings, cake sales and meals to a concert, auction and art festival. People have had tremendous fun supporting events. They have enjoyed great company, fabulous food, grabbed a bargain or two and had the satisfaction of knowing that they were helping save a local historical landmark.

The Friends of St. Mary's are enormously grateful to everyone who has contributed in what ever way to saving the tower. It has been remarkable to see how people have been willing to get involved by donating their time, skills or money and we thank every one for their support.

The amount of money needed to be raised to save the tower, has almost been achieved. With some more financial support, work on making the tower safe should be able to commence later on in the year.

Your help is still needed! A range of fund raising activities has been planned for this year so please make a note of these and come along and support them:

Saturday May 26th – concert in St. Mary's with the Caroline Sharpe singers

Friday July 6th – ladies fashion show in St. Mary's

Friday 26th October – quiz night in the St. Mary's Centre, Mountsorrel Lane

Additionally you could join the Friends of St. Mary's for an individual annual fee of only £10 or an individual life membership at £75. Forms are available from St. Mary's church, at the fund-raising events or by logging on to the website :-

<http://www.leicestershirevillages.com/friends-of-st-marys-church.html>

Of course, if you have any fund raising ideas of your own – please go ahead, we need all the help we can get! Thank you all once again - The Friends of St. Mary's



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Getting Involved

Registration is free and open to anyone aged 5 or over and all abilities. Entry can be as part of a team, family or as an individual, with the aim of completing your challenge before 31st December 2012. Choose your challenge, choose your cause and then track your progress on your own online Gold Challenge Totalizer. When you have completed your challenge, you can claim a reward!

Local resident Emma Compson, who works for Sport England, the organisation charged with delivering a mass participation sporting legacy from the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games says “Gold Challenge is an independent initiative that is motivating local communities across the country to take on sporting challenges, fundraise and feel part of the build up to the Games. It would be great to see people, groups or families from Sileby featuring in the online league tables!”

What sporting challenge will you choose in 2012?

Take on a distance challenge for yourself or with a group of your friends to walk, run, cycle, horse-ride, swim, row or canoe the equivalent of 2012 kilometres!

OR

Create a challenge for yourself or your team by taking on one or more Olympic or Paralympic Sports from a choice of 30! Why not allow someone to dare you and pick the sports?

OR

For gym members looking for a new fitness challenge, why not swim, cycle, walk or row the 2012km distance in the Gym!

Be the first to reach your target - Why not challenge your friends, your neighbours or rival teams and schools to create that added competition through the online league table!

Further details can be found at www.goldchallenge.org

For further details on the Youth & Family Gold challenge, visit <http://family.goldchallenge.org/>

Lanza Hairdressers

The first thing you notice when you walk into Lanza is how bright and open it is, thanks to large windows and cream coloured walls, with period features also visible in the form of wooden beams on the ceilings. Owned by the Lanza family for the last ten years, this modern beauty-fanatic's haven is situated in a beautiful 17th century cottage on The Banks, yet despite being near the centre of the village it is surprisingly quiet; you can easily forget everything in the outside world! All I can say is that it was a lucky day for Sileby when Lanza opened its doors ... don't believe me? Then read on!

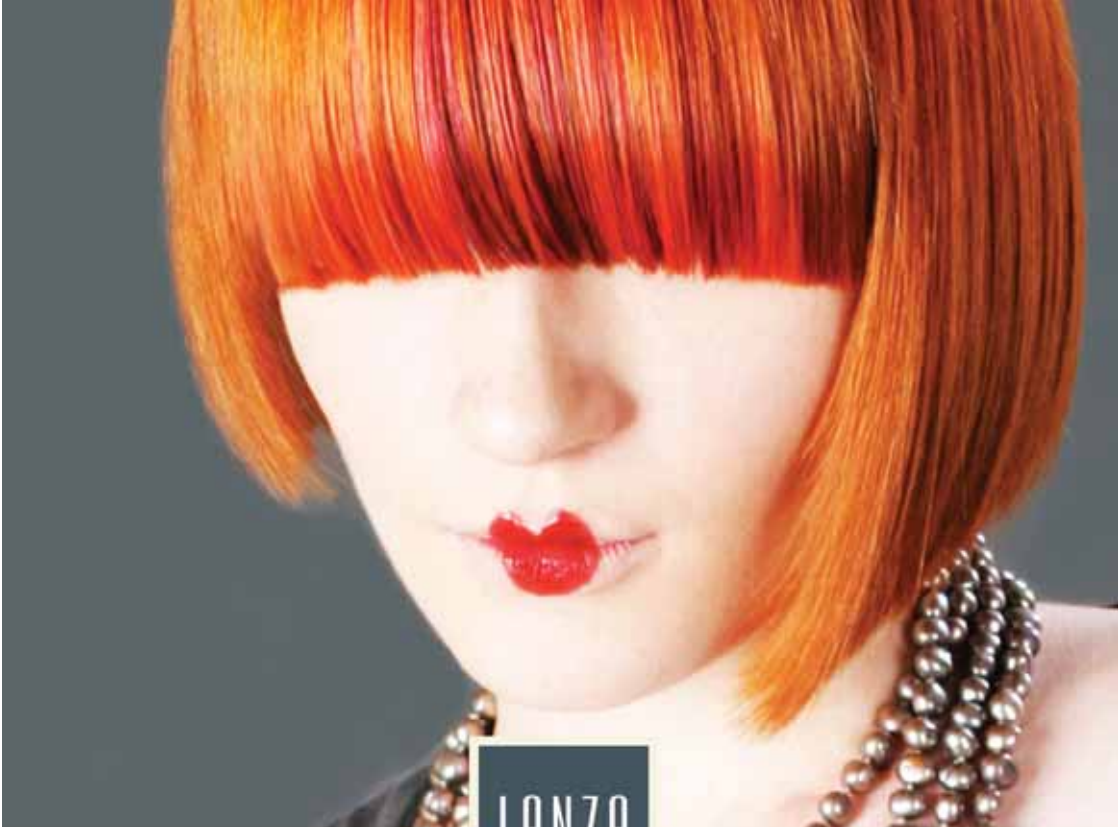
I have been a regular customer at Lanza (I say regular- I go for a haircut on average every six months) for the past four years, and have always been welcomed and treated to brilliant service, being offered a drink and a magazine almost as soon as I sit down to wait for my appointment! Having been taken through to have your hair washed (with a little bit of a head massage on the side; this is always the part that I find most relaxing) you then find yourself with whoever will be your hairdresser that day. These lovely people ask you exactly what you want done with your hair, taking into account any images that you have bought with you, advising slight changes that they think will suit you better; in short, they do their jobs brilliantly, and are a real credit to the Lanza brand. My opinion has been backed up by other regular Lanza-goers whom, when I asked for their opinions, unanimously agreed that 'Everyone's really friendly, and there is just a generally relaxed yet professional atmosphere.'

Another aspect of the Lanza 'experience' that I can wholeheartedly recommend is the 'Party Hair Up' service. My school holds a Snow Ball for sixth-form students at the end of every Autumn term, and instead of going through all the fuff of putting my hair up myself, I went running to Lanza for help. I was asked how I saw my hair for that evening (curly but with the top part pinned off of my face in some way) and Mary, my stylist, then spent the next ten minutes experimenting with the various ways that she could do this successfully, asking for my opinion every time she altered it slightly. In the end, I had a beautiful hair style that held all evening, and which gained many admiring glances and compliments, the most common question being 'Where on earth did you get that done?!'

Alongside hairdressing, Lanza has recently opened a nail bar every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, where fashionistas can pick from four different types of manicure, among other services, at prices that are extremely reasonable. Lanza also takes on apprentices from the surrounding area who, through working as part of a team of experienced stylists gain a wealth of knowledge which gives them a leg up into the world of hairdressing.

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