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Dear Friends

We are often reminded by news on TV that the Holy Land shares bloodshed and mayhem like the rest of the world.

It was a privilege to have been able to visit the Holy Land in 1998 with fellow ministers from our churches in the village. Even then there were real tensions with Israelis concerned about a possible gas attack. A lady had asked on a phone-in about a gas mask for her dog.

Bethlehem has its share of problems with boarded up shop windows and great uncertainty about the future! Those uncertainties now seem well placed as life is so difficult for everyone there – Arabs/Jews, Christians/Moslems.

The 'tacky' inflated Santa, which I saw bobbing around, seemed to remind us how superficial much of the seasonal activity is. People are really just interested in how much money they can make.

...And yet to look out on the Shepherds' Fields and remember that Jesus Christ really was born there amidst the tensions and bloodshed of his own times is good news! The Kingdom which was begun with his arrival and which was proclaimed by his church is still growing and growing and wonderfully we can experience it in Sileby this Christmas.

*"Where meek souls will receive home,
still the dear Christ enters in"*

Wishing you Christ's blessings this Christmas.

Alan Costerton, St Mary's

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Thank You Sileby!

I had just read an article in a national magazine deploring the lack of good manners afflicting the nation and in particular the virtual disappearance of those two words "Thank you". I felt I would like to put Sileby to the test and was pleasantly surprised. All the shopkeepers I traded with that morning thanked me, a young boy thanked me when I stood back to let him pass on his

bike, a mother pushing a buggy thanked me for giving her room to pass on a narrow pavement and I thanked a father who asked his children to move closer to him to allow me to overtake them.

So, bravo, Sileby, take a bow! Two little words so easy to say but didn't they make a difference to my day.

Janet Randell.

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UPDATE ON A LOCAL PROBLEM

A new legal notice has been issued by Charnwood Borough Council Environmental Health Officers on a local poultry farm requiring that flies on the site do not cause nuisance to neighbouring villagers.

"The notice is a tactical shift by the Borough council in responding to the problem," said Matthew Holford, Environmental Protection Manager, "It simply states that the farm is required not to cause a nuisance. If a nuisance occurs in the future it will be for the farm to demonstrate that they have used the right fly control tactics at the right times if they are to avoid prosecution. We took advice from Graham Machin, a specialist environmental barrister when drafting the Notice to make it as watertight as the law will allow".

"We acknowledge that the task for controlling flies in this sort of farm is extremely difficult. There is no 'magic wand' method to get rid of flies because they become resistant to different treatments and so farm managers have to adapt and respond to changes in the fly population. It is a continual learning experience. The notice requires that they are totally on the ball or will have to face the legal consequences".

Half a dozen selected residents are continuing to collect daily information on fly numbers in the area for the Council. These residents were provided with fly papers with which to monitor the insects to help prove how fly numbers in Sileby and Seagrave

compare with other locations and provide evidence for any further legal action.

Commenting on the results so far Mr Holford said, "So far this summer there seems to have been no more flies in Sileby or Seagrave than elsewhere. Nothing would please us more than to make sure that this continues".

SQUEALS ON WHEELS

On Thursday, July 10, Squeals on Wheels visited Meadow View Farm on Cossington Road for our Summer Outing, followed afterwards by a picnic on the lawn at the rear of the Pochin Hall. Parents, carers, toddlers and babies enjoyed seeing the animals on the farm in the pleasant summer sun.

Squeals on Wheels is a group run especially for parents or carers with pre-school children to provide them with friendship and support. We have been established since the late 80's and continue to meet every Thursday during school term-time in the Pochin Hall, Mountsorrel Lane in Sileby from 9.30am to 11.30am.

A warm welcome is given to any newcomers when they join us.

Loretta Smith
Pam Lovett
Marion Elliott

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Sileby Gardening Gnomes



Do you have an interest in gardening?

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If so, why not come and join the Sileby Gardening Gnomes once a month for an interesting talk by a variety of experts. We meet on the second Wednesday in the month at 8.00 p.m. at the Conservative Club in Sileby. We're a friendly group and would welcome new people to come and join us.

Our programme of talks for the rest of the season is as follows:

10th December 'Traditional Corn Dollies' – Talk and demonstration plus Social Evening.

14th January 'Wild life in the garden' – by Phil Rudkin - Talk and sound recordings

11th February Talk by Paul Green of Brooksby College (subject to be confirmed)

10th March 'Alpines and Hardy Plants' – Talk and sale of plants

14th April 'Streptocarpus and African Violets' – Talk by Mr. Ellis

12th May Annual General Meeting

As you can see we have a good variety of talks being given so there should be something for everyone. If you would like to attend any of these talks, please just turn up! You don't have to be a member – just come and see the ones you are interested in if you like. The cost is £2 for non-members and £1 for members.

Our Social activities over the past year have included a trip to 'Gardener's World' at the NEC, two trips out to Garden Centres with a meal afterwards, a Skittles Night with supper and a Christmas meal out.

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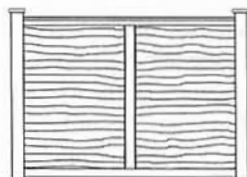
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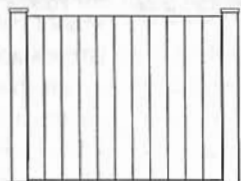
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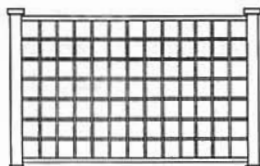
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Information Needed

Seeing the photograph on the front of the April issue of Sileby Victoria FC reminded me of a find I made soon after I moved into 118 Seagrave Road. In the corner of the back living room, under the layers of carpet, underlay and old worn linoleum, I came across a 1920's half-penny and a ticket for a cricket match, printed on yellow card, placed side by side. Although there is no year mentioned on the ticket I think it probably dates from 1923. Perhaps one of your readers could enlighten me.

I would also be interested in receiving any historical information or anecdotes about 118 and the surrounding properties, including the land at the bottom of the garden that was once an orchard and has recently been cleared for development.

Finally a big thank you to the editorial team of **talk@Sileby** for producing and circulating the newsletter. As a comparative newcomer, the

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newsletter has helped me get to know and feel part of the village.

Ann Smits

Editorial Note

This is a good suggestion. We would be interested in hearing any other stories of Old Sileby. Or if you know why "Monkey Square" or "The Biscuit" off Barrow Road are so named PLEASE get in touch. Any questions you want to ask, ASK SILEBY

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HAPPY DAYS

Talk@Sileby needs more articles - if only I could think of something. Hang on maybe I can. Folk these days seem to enjoy looking back on the good old days, well don't we all. What about Sileby in the seemingly not so long ago days? What was village life like for those of us now past the age when life is supposed to begin, in the 60's?

Of course there was school and Sunday school, where friendships were made, especially the day outings on the train to the coast, as well as other places. The village had many little shops in those days where you could buy almost anything, from clothes, shoes, gifts, hardware, grocery, sweets and toys.

Most of us seemed to have one if not both parents working in one of the local factories, no shortage of jobs then, when the children would enjoy wonderful Christmas parties that were held in the factory canteen. We could play in the park freely, occasionally the big kids came along, which was a good time to go and play at jumping the brook, more often than not falling in. The swings, roundabouts, slides and American swing didn't seem to suffer vandalism then.

There was a cinema, now the chemist, where we queued and jostled for the three seats in the top left corner upstairs. We couldn't wait to be old enough to go

to the dances at Unity Hall where some of the older lads were beginning to form groups and playing the latest Rock and Roll. Many of us belonged to the Scouts and Guides; then there was the Boys Club, now Belgrave Wire. A few of us girls gradually joined in with the crowd and eventually, the Youth Club was formed, run by trained leaders, we had a great time, with lots of laughs. Who remembers Frankie Vaughan paying us a visit? There was basketball and football etc. We had a little coffee bar and could sit for hours chatting. We weren't allowed in the "café" on the Banks, the motorbike crowd went in there, it was always a mystery to us why not, and we never did work it all out.

The annual parade and Gala gave us a chance to enter a float and play the fool for a day. A gang of us entered one year as the Magic Roundabout. It was a good time for families to get together and catch up with friends.

After enjoying time together, there were always the chip shops to round off the evening - a shilling mix with scratchings - those were the days. I wonder how many of you still in Sileby look back fondly of those times. There may be some that receive **talk@Sileby** residing elsewhere who do. The shape of Sileby may be changing but I hope the spirits of its residents will always remain the same.

Lynne Root

We would love to hear what the current teenagers get up to and compare Old Sileby to the New. If any of those that do now vandalise the park want to write in and tell us why - feel free!

VICTIM SUPPORT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

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People who are good at listening and enjoy a challenge are needed by victim support in Charnwood. The charity has recently expanded to cover the whole of the Borough of Charnwood and needs more volunteers, particularly from the south of the Borough.

A range of opportunities are available from working as a volunteer offering both emotional support and practical information to people who have been victims of crime, to working in the Magistrates' court supporting both prosecution and defence witnesses who

have been called to give evidence in court.

Victim support is also keen to hear from people with business or administration skills who might like to join the branch committee.

This is an ideal opportunity for people looking to work within the community who also wish to learn more about the criminal justice system and the measures being taken to support the victims of criminal activities within Charnwood.

A comprehensive training package is offered from basic skills through to special training to meet the needs of victims suffering from sexual crimes, domestic violence and relatives of murder victims.

If you would like to discuss the possibility of becoming a volunteer, please contact Kathy on 01509 268545 or visit our Branch Office at Regent Wharf, 46 Derby Road, Loughborough (Monday to Friday 10.00am - 1.00pm)

Bernard Singleton
Branch Committee Chairman

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Heather Canham was born in Norfolk and moved to Birstall at the age of 9. Then passing her 11 plus she went to Humphrey Perkins in Barrow Upon Soar and then did a private secretarial course in Leicester. She moved away from the area to Oakham when she married in 1975. It was there that she bought up her 4 children. Her family then moved to Sileby in 1997 to avoid the long daily travel to Leicester. Two years ago she decided to look for a complete career change and undertook a several intensive private training courses in beauty therapy and gained several diplomas. Her ultimate aim to provide a professional but friendly and comfortable service from a designated room in her home. This was completed in October and Heather can now offer a wide range of therapies. Heather is flexible in her time schedule and is interested in making her customers happy and providing a good service.

Heather is offering 10% off all treatments when you mention this advert.

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

The first public building to be opened in Sileby for many years was inaugurated on Wednesday evening 3rd September. The feast of St Gregory's the Great, apostle of the English had been most suitable for the occasion. Bishop Malcolm McLuhan of Nottingham celebrated Mass in the main building, and spoke of how community halls can be used in the spirit of Jesus, who came among us as one who serves.

Official guest included Debbie Green, the deputy Mayoress and Betty Crick, Chair of Sileby Parish Council, along with other colleagues [by curious coincidence the Community Centre had become property of the Village on the same day]. St Gregory's Social Centre is much larger than its predecessors, and has good parking provision. It incorporates the American Maple floor from the old building, and is very suitable for dancing. Sequence dancing has returned on Friday evenings. It is also hoped that a sizeable lunch club will use it. The Soar Valley artists have made it their centre on Mondays.

Jim O'Dwyer, the booking secretary (17 St Mary's Road) has been amazed by the amount of interest shown in the new venture even before it opened and is confident it will be fully used.

The project managers were Chris Palmer Associates of Syston and the Architect, John Booth. The contractor was Tom Keville of Royal Road, Leicester.

Come along to St Gregory's and see if the Social Centre can be of service to you.



Friends of St Mary's

As the year draws to a close various events have taken place including a garden party, visit by the Ratcliffe Chorale, Safari Supper and Thanksgiving Festival.

We will be holding a stall at the Victorian Market when the village Christmas lights are switched on. Our warmest thanks to all who help and support this group.

We look forward to sharing coming events in 2004, however, at present there are no firm dates, but please keep an eye to village notice boards, local press/radio or our website

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St. Mary's Men's Fellowship

How many gentlemen in Sibley know of the men's fellowship? Not too many we imagine. Our group was formed on Ascension Day 1961 and was affiliated to the "Church of England Men's Society" (this no longer exists). We hold our meetings in the Pochin Hall, Mountsorrel Lane on the First Friday of each Month October to May inclusive commencing at 7:30pm.

We have a speaker, and a discussion follows the talk also light refreshments. Closing at approximately 9:15pm. We are looking to increase our membership and we extend an invitation to gentlemen to join us for a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

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The autumn and early winter is an important time of remembrance for many in the village. Below is a poem from a collection War-Time Rhymes composed by Laura Jones of Sibleby during the 1st World War and sold in aid of the Red Cross

War's Lessons

This war has taught us many things
We dreamt not of before
Each day we wonder what the next
For us will have in store

We've learnt to feel for others woes,
Since now our common bond
Of sympathy, links each to each
We feel our hearts respond

We've learnt the need for prayer and faith
More often than of yore,
We bend the knee and mercy crave
Any pitying help implore

We've learnt the need for patience too
And courage in the strife
To practice more economy
In all our daily life

The lads we deemed so careless once
Have sterling worth displayed,
Our girls confronted with hard tasks
Seem not a bit dismayed

One end one aim inspires us all
To crush the foeman down
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A Passage to India

To those of you that know me from Therapies formerly of the High Street, Sileby, the village newsletter gives me the opportunity to say "hello" and to let you know about my recent travels to India.

After eight months of varied experiences in a trip that took me to exotic destinations such as Bombay, Goa, Kerala, Jaipur, Delhi and McCleod Ganj high in the Himalayas, I find myself contemplating the changes in Sileby. It is refreshing to see that there are now less boarded up shops in the High Street. The developments in the centre are more attractive than the empty factory sites and the news of Tesco Express taking the "Old Co-op" premises is surely more than welcome.

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I visited many places and attended many courses with a view to gaining an insight into some of the practices associated with the ancient art of Ayurvedic Medicine. Ayurvedic means "Science of Life" and is a whole body approach to health based around body types and the use of plants and natural products to remain balanced and healthy. The chance to get away from processed and refined foods with the preservatives and additives in so many of the products we incorporate into our daily lives has been superb. I enjoy mixing with people of small village communities whose outlook is very accepting of adaptation and change despite hard and uncomfortable circumstances.

The Indian people are very friendly and hospitable. Their ancient history and sacred sites are of great interest and it has been uplifting to be in a place filled with bright, jewel-like colours where the sun is guaranteed to shine! India is a place filled with contrasts and visiting slum areas in Bombay certainly brings home the meaning of abject poverty yet still, daily life goes on and we were greeted with cries of "Welcome to India" by small children as we passed.

The ever-present cows, elephants, camels, dogs, bicycles and the growl of the Royal Enfield motorbike, not to mention scooters, goods carriers, taxis' and hoards of people travel main roads. Wearing full, traditional dress of the Hindu woman for a night and attending a Goan Trance Party in the forest on the night of the full moon all combined to make the trip a memorable one.

Jacqueline Williams IIIHHT



Church News



AND SERVICES

St Mary's Sileby, All Saints Cossington and All Saints Seagrave

Sunday 21st December

10.30am	.....All Age Communion Service	St Mary's
5pm	.....Service of Lessons and Carols.....	Cossington
6.30pm	.....Advent Evening Worship.....	St Mary's
7pm	.....Service of Lessons and Carols.....	Seagrave

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December

4pm	.....Family Carols	St Mary's
6.30pm	.....Carols by Candlelight	St Mary's
11.30pm	.....Midnight Communion	St Mary's

Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December

9.00am	.....Holy Communion.....	St Mary's
9.00am	.....Holy Communion.....	Cossington
9.00am	.....Christmas Praise	Seagrave
10.30amFamily Service	St Mary's

Sunday 28th December

10.30amBenefice Communion.....	Seagrave
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St Gregory's Roman Catholic Church

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December

6.00pm	.....Mass.....	Sileby
9.00pm	.....Mass.....	Syston

Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December

9.00am	.....Mass.....	Sileby
11.00am	.....Mass.....	Syston

Sileby Methodist Church

Monday, 15th December

7.30pm Ladies Circle Carol Service

Tuesday, 16th December

2.45pm Ladies Fellowship 'Christmas'

Sunday 21st December

10.45am All age worship
4.00pm Carol Service for all ages

Christmas Eve, 24th December

4.00pm Christingle Service

Christmas Day 25th December

9.30am Christmas Celebration-
United Service at
Wysall Methodist Church

December 28th

10.45am Morning Worship

Forthcoming services and events

Sunday January 18th 6.00pm

United Methodist Covenant Service. This is a service for all churches in Sileby

Ongoing activities

Ladies Circle, Mondays at 7.30pm
Women's Fellowship, Tuesdays at 2.45pm
Coffee Mornings, Thursdays at 10.30am
For more information ring Rev Jane Carter on 812302

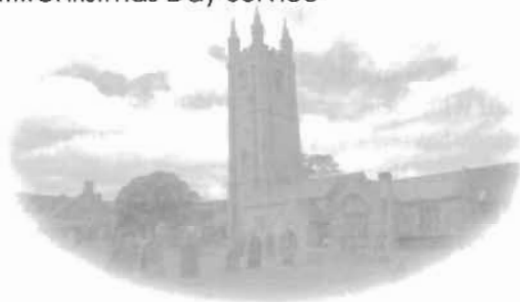
Baptist Christmas Services

Sunday 21st December

6.30pmChristmas Family Service

Christmas Day 25th December

10.30amChristmas Day Service



Best Front/Rear Garden Competition 2003

A presentation evening was held on Thursday 9th October at Sileby Community Centre to which all finalists were invited. The independent judges were Mr John Lewitt, Mr Arthur Heath and Mr Brian Phipps from Goscote Nurseries. Tesco Stores and Wyvale Garden Centres donated vouchers for the winners.

The winners were:-

- Front Garden** 1st – Mr & Mrs M Phillips, 7 Back Lane
 2nd – Mr & Mrs P Phillips, 7 North Hill Close
 3rd – Mr & Mrs S Mee, 13 North Hill Close
- Rear Garden** 1st – Mr & Mrs G Geary, 5 North Hill Close
 2nd – Mr & Mrs A Higgs, 2 Marshall Avenue
 3rd – Mr & Mrs T Matthews, 66 Heathcote Drive
- Feature in Rear Garden** Mr & Mrs R Bowden 21 St Mary's Road
- Non Residential** 1st – Dudley Court
 2nd – The Free Trade Inn
 3rd – The White Swan

Annual Switching on of Christmas Lights

The lights will be switched on at 6.30pm on Friday 5th December 2003 on Martins Walk, followed by coffee and mince pies in the Community centre. Again there will be rides for children and a Christmas Market in the Sports Hall with local organisations having stalls to raise funds for their own groups. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Cost of Vandalism on Areas under the responsibility of Sileby Parish Council

July 2003-September 2003

The cost of Vandalism is paid from the Parish Council Budget which is part of the Council Tax charges. Everyone in Sileby paying Council Tax pays for Vandalism.

Memorial Park	£495.00
Mosaic Damage	£710.00

Total Vandalism costs July 2003 to September 2003	£1205.00
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REDLANDS SCHOOL CLOCK

Redlands School was delighted when the Parish Council agreed to pay for the electrification of the school clock. Our premises officer was no longer insured to climb up into the loft to wind the old mechanism. We welcomed several members of the Parish Council, Friends of the School, Staff and all the children who watched it start and the whole village is again able to hear the chimes! Many thanks to all concerned.

Mrs G J Moir
Chair of Governors, Sibley Redlands
CP School



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25 September 2003

Dear Diane

VISIT TO SIBLEY REDLANDS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL:
23 SEPTEMBER 2003

I am writing to thank you for hosting my visit to your school on Tuesday 23 September 2003. It was really good to hear about, and see at first hand, the many changes that have taken place in the school over the past couple of years.

May I say too what a pleasure it was to meet the children of Redlands. They were delightful, pleasant, polite and obviously enjoying being at school. I would play particular tribute to you and the staff for creating such a positive atmosphere in which the children can flourish and learn.

Finally, may I say how impressed I was with your leadership? Good schools do not happen by accident. They have to be created and it was clear from our conversation and the evidence all around, that you had played a crucial part in bringing the school to where it is today.

I wish you and everyone associated with the school every success in the coming months and years.

Kind regards,
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Changes and Development in Sileby

Dear Editor

I am writing in response to the Editor's request for letters on changes and development in Sileby.

I have only lived in Sileby for two years so I consider my views to be objective, based on the current and future state of the village. However, I am sure that other people will think that my opinions lack a consideration of the history and heritage of Sileby. That view is understandable but I believe that we should be realistic about the prospects of what can be achieved in the modern economic climate.

Talking to Sileby born-and-bred folk my impression is that there is a disappointment that the factories are being demolished and replaced with houses. My view is that demolition of the redundant factories is inevitable and is good for Sileby. I must stress here that it is only the redundant factories that need to be replaced. Factories or units that actively employ people should not be removed and are a benefit to the village.

Before I moved to Sileby I had some good nights out here in the pubs. However, my impression of the village was that although it was friendly it was not an attractive place to live.

My wife and I have settled in to Sileby life and would not want to live anywhere else but when I walk around Sileby I see what is in the village and the potential for what the village might be like. Sileby has changed and will continue to change. The large factories are part of Sileby's past. In some areas factories replaced houses and now houses are replacing the factories. The change is going full circle which is a natural part of village evolution. We must accept that change is inevitable but not always what we would like to see. Sileby used to have a cinema but I do not imagine that anyone would hope that we could again see a cinema in the village.

Does Sileby really want more industry and does industry want to come to Sileby? Would more factories mean more employment in the village or would it just mean more traffic? I

have been stopped by articulated lorry drivers who have asked for directions. When they have found out that they are heading in the wrong direction they have had to turn around which is no easy feat in the narrow streets. Modern industry requires large economical premises with easy access to a transport network or cheap foreign labour. If Sileby had more factories we would have more juggernauts regularly driving through the village and more noise and pollution. Yes, cars also bring noise and pollution but I think that it is less invasive than that associated with factories.

There is no point in keeping large areas of land ear-marked for commercial use in Sileby. If we wait for industry to move in to a derelict site we will be left waiting and waiting and the site will drag the village down.

Sileby has a bright future. There are plans to improve the park, traffic calming and improvements to the High Street will start in the autumn, Tesco Express will be open in the High Street by Christmas and we will have a 90 acre nature reserve in the near future. Replacement of the dilapidated factories is one of the pieces in the jigsaw to making Sileby one of those 'sought after areas' that estate agents are keen to describe.

Yours truly, Dale Peers

Dear Editor

Whilst delivering some R.S.P.B. literature one Saturday morning I realised that I don't think that any of the recipients venture out on the monthly trips. Is this because they are shy and don't know anyone on the trips, or where to meet the bus? They could always come along with me. My name is Gary Piggins I have lived in Sileby all my life and have been an R.S.P.B member for 15 years. I would be happy to give them a lift to and from Loughborough and show them around the reserves. Any interested parties can call me in the evenings on Sileby 814228.

Also are there any artists, potters, wood carvers or other creative people interested in putting on an exhibition to show the rest of Sileby what a talented lot we are.

Gary Piggins

Your Letters

Dear Editor

I, Lorna Baum, would be very grateful if anyone has any interesting memories, photographs or just good time stores to tell regarding:

- **The Futurist Cinema – Sileby**
- **The Rock Cinema – Mountsorrel**
- **The Coronet Cinema – Anstey**

Bertie Baums (my father in law) 1st Little Cinema in Ratcliffe Road, with the tin roof and his wife on Piano opened in 1912.

The reason for this letter is that Mr Brian Johnson from Wigston Magna wrote a book about Leicester Cinemas and is now compiling one on village cinemas.

I am sure many people in Sileby still remember those days of the Futurist and wish there was something similar for the young ones today!!

Geoff and I lived next door to the Futurist in Swan St. when we first married in 1948 and they were wonderful years. I remember in the early years we ended up without any chairs at home, as they were needed to add to the end of the rows when a good film was being shown.

Many people will remember the great Rock 'n' Roll nights and many will have relived that time at the Old School Restaurant's Rock 'n' Roll night with the old 8mm film showing all us oldies as swinging teenagers.

Lorna Baum (Mrs) – 01509 812354

Dear Editor

Further to the article in the village newsletter concerning dog fouling.

I live on Barrow Road and although a majority of dog owners are responsible and lift up dog mess, there are one maybe two who having lifted it throw their little purple, blue or pink bags into the hedge bottom and into the spare piece of land by the railway.

I am sure the culprits will recognise themselves. I think they are under the impression that the piece of land is not owned by anyone but it is.

My neighbours and I try to keep the area tidy, but it is a constant battle and it is not addressed by the council.

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Sileby Badminton Club

The Wednesday Badminton Club has started again and new members would be welcome. There is no joining fee, only a weekly charge on the night. We have club rackets, but black-soled trainers are not allowed in

the Sports Hall at the Community Centre. Just turn up on Wednesday evenings or contact:

**Pat Spencer on 812112
or Ian Roe 812950.**

Sileby Vikings Baseball Team

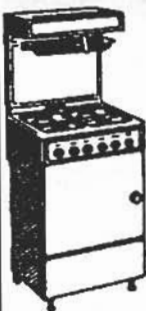
After playing Baseball for thirteen years the Sileby Vikings have a new training and home ground, which is found at the bottom of Mill Lane, near the Marina, Sileby.

Training takes place on Sundays from 2pm-4pm and the team is constantly on the look out for new members.

Any further information and details can be obtained by contacting either:

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A DAY AT FILBERT STREET

What a day it was too. The day some time ago last year was the wedding day of my nephew Ian Ward and his partner Ruth. It was held at Filbert Street football ground. It was unique in the fact it was the last wedding to be held there prior to the demolition of the stadium. Ian and his parents have been supporters of Leicester City for a long time now, as have my wife and I since the 60's.

We had the run of the place and Alan Burchenall presented Ian & Ruth with a signed photo of the team. We "Ran Out" and had a "kick

around" on the pitch. The photos were taken in the stand and the trainer's enclosure. Many people in Sileby will know Ian's grandparents Wilf & Gert Ward who lived in Chapel House, now used as the Parish Council Offices. Gert was a lollipop lady for a long time.

Ian's parents Tony & Renee Ward live in Yorkshire but still have strong ties with Sileby. It was a wedding that Sileby can boast about being the last one before Filbert Street was no more.

I say again what a day it was.

Sid Taylor



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Adeline Parkinson and the Sileby Ladies Bowling Club

Adeline Parkinson, a very well known and respected resident of Sileby was a member and officer of the Sileby Ladies Bowling Club for many years up to her death at the age of 90.

In the picture she is wearing the uniform of England President in 1982. During her time in office she supported the English team in Australia when they played in the Commonwealth Games. Her stories were entertaining and she was always being asked to write a book about her exploits but as far as I know this was never done.

In 1958 she had been the Leicestershire Bowling Association President and made it her job to support bowlers who were ill or who had special birthdays. Money was in short supply so she started a competition called the Benevolent Match in which all the ladies teams in Leicestershire took part. The winner's cup was donated by her and is still played for each year. It was

Adeline's dearest wish that 'her girls' would win her cup. It became a club joke, each time we lost that she would have to live just 'one more year'. In her lifetime despite coming second on two occasions this did not happen but in 2002 the cup came home after 41 years of trying. Something that she would

have approved of, another ex-resident of Sileby, Barbara Thornelaw is at present, the County Benevolent Secretary, so the win made it an all Sileby occasion.

On Presidents day this year the ladies were on parade to have their photograph taken with this prized possession before it has to be handed back for this years winners to receive. Even the club mascot 'Myrtle' was in on the act (she attends all important events).

Adeline was always proud of her team and we hope that we are still a team to be proud of.

Carole Chamberlain (Hon Secretary S.L.B.C)



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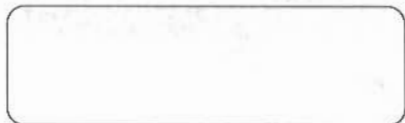


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