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mansuetudo, gentleness.

A special quality in short supply in our world, and sometimes in our church. I thank God that it has been so manifest in our Vicar, Alan Costerton, to whom we will be saying Goodbye next month. It is hard to see that anyone, even today, is a more important presence in our village than our Vicar, and a changeover is very significant. Alan has upheld his office well, and our best prayers and wishes go with him.

Gentleness, in the Great Story, is a characteristic of the Son of David whose coming to birth we are preparing to celebrate. Only a few of the wise and the powerful will seek Him out. The workings of the market are not, apparently, disturbed by His appearing. Many doors are not open to Him, and He does not use violence. But

“Where meek souls will receive Him
still the dear Christ enters in.”

Wishing Christ a warm welcome in Sileby this Christmas,

Anthony Pateman, St Gregory's

Father Pateman recently celebrated 40 years of Priestly Ordination. You can find a brief account of his years on page 13.

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Neighbourhood Watch

Sileby now has a new Neighbourhood Watch manager, Mrs Mel Fry has taken on the job and she is organising a monthly meeting to take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Community Centre (Lounge Room) from 7pm. New members are welcome to attend. For information please contact Leicestershire Police on 0116 222 2222.

An Apology

In Issue 11 we inadvertently got the phone numbers of 2 of our advertisers incorrect. We would like to apologise for these errors.
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Front Cover Picture: Sileby Community Centre, this is the venue for the Annual Lighting of the Christmas Trees and Victorian Market which will take place on Friday 3rd December starting at 6.30pm

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This transcript covers Volume V of the Sileby Parish Registers which is Baptisms 1813-1831 Price £6.00

The last two transcripts are still available from the author on

Silebyhistory@aol.com or 01509 815294

They are :

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Sileby Library has also registered with the BBC People's War web site. Come and log on to share your memories, photographs and ration recipes with the nation!



Health Living for All at Sileby Library.

The event on Tuesday 12th October was a bit of a wash out. Nasty weather put paid to a special family event that was all about promoting our great health books. One family turned up and perused our books over a cuppa. They seemed really impressed at the range of books that were available in comparison to Groby Library, which is where they normally go. Don't worry if you missed out on our event, the display of books will remain in the library for a while. Don't forget to pop along and browse!

Book your place on the Book Crawl

The Book Crawl is a special Reading Scheme for all children under four years old. There are five beautiful certificates to collect...all you have to do is collect stickers every time your child takes books from the library. It's never too early to start sharing books with your child, and these certificates are a lovely reminder of the things your child has achieved. Just pop into your local library to register for the scheme and find out more...and don't forget Wiggly Reader story times!

In the last Issue we started the Chronicles of Tim Walker riding the 7 Days of Baja 2004. Here we continue where we left off after day 3.

Day 4. Approx. 200 miles, but thankfully easy going. Fast sandy roads in the morning as we made our way over to the gulf coast for lunch at San Franciscuito, where we had the best seafood of the trip. After lunch and a rest, Mike and I were able to ride for 60 miles, side by side, over some of the fastest dirt tracks I have ever come across. We also



crossed the border into Southern Baja with some great riding until we met the main highway 1. We then travelled down the highway until we got to San Ignacio. Today was an easy ride, of which we were both glad, as it gave us chance for a rest. We got to the night stopover in plenty of time.

Tonight, we gave the bikes a good overhaul and fitted new tyres to both Mike's and mine. As I have many years experience I ended up helping others.

We went for a walk this evening into the centre of La Pinta; this is an old Mexican mission in the town square built in 1728. We ate at a restaurant called "Rice & Beans" and walked back through the small square where all the old men were sitting around. (It was like going back in time to an old Mexican western!!)

Day 5. Today was a very long day. We left at 7.00 am and didn't get in until 5.00 pm, although it was only about 230 miles. There were some good trails in the morning but we faced some big rocky climbs and cactus trails, before we hit the salt flats where we could ride very fast. Everything gets covered in salt, clothes, drinks etc. After that there was about 20 miles of mountain trail up to Scorpion Bay, a famous point where all the surfers go. Here we had lunch. Later we rode for 20 miles along the beach where Mike was riding up 30 ft dunes. This must be one of the only places left in the world where you can do this. Sand dunes to the left and the Pacific Ocean to the right. Then the trails took us over the dunes and over some mountain roads, which had been damaged earlier that month by a storm, so you had to take care as the road just slipped away under you. Some of these roads are really hard on your body, as there are lots of rocks and holes in them. I hit a rock about 50 mph and split my front tube. So we stopped and fitted a new tube in the middle of nowhere, a guy called John stopped and helped.

Today was a very good day, I really enjoyed it despite my hands are now very

swollen and I have blisters where I didn't think possible.

Tonight we stayed in Loreto, a nice town, good hotel; everything is getting to a better standard. The weather is also getting very hot as tomorrow we cross the equator into the tropics.

Day 6. A long day again, about 270 miles. When we go through the villages all the kids put there hands out to give you a high five but you have to be very careful as they try and pull your gloves off.

This morning it was just mountain trials with some big drops, so you have to take care not to go too silly as you can soon be over the edge.

We had the option to do a 35 mile fast sandy loop if we wanted to. We did, but unfortunately Mike came off fairly heavy and hurt his hand, we thought he may have broken it at first; he took a big bang on the head and generally knocked himself about. So for the rest off the day we took it easy and stayed on the easy trails. It was a bit steady, but we both wanted to be able to ride tomorrow and complete the full 7 days of riding. We ended up riding about 100 miles on the road and when we went through a town we got stopped by the police. He was trying to say we were speeding, but we weren't. All he kept saying was "ticket, ticket" but he wasn't writing it. Then came the word "dollar". "Si" I replied. "dollar 60.00" he said, I told him I only had \$40.00. He grabbed it from me and said "Si, Si" and waved us on. We were only too happy to pay him as these guys can be very intimidating. We were told to carry our money in different pockets in case this sort off thing happened. When we told the others they all laughed, the maximum fine for a motoring offence is \$4.00, but I didn't care, I was just glad to get on my way. Tonight we stayed at La Paz. This is a nice resort, clean and with a good hotel, everything's getting more civilised. We have electricity and hot showers now and our mobile phones are working so we were able to phone home and let our families know we were OK.

Day 7. Thank goodness we have made it to the last day. It's very hot now as we are in the tropics. Today is an easy ride, about 160 miles along the coast roads as they want every one in early so the bikes can all be loaded on to a lorry to take them back to the start.

We just took a steady ride going on and off the beach where we could, stopping for some lunch and our first beer all week. Then we rode into Cabo san Lucas and one of the best hotels on the resort. We are both pleased to make it and looking forward to two days by the pool before we fly back to LA. We handed our bikes in, as they were rented, then helped the others get theirs onto the trailer.

That night we had an award dinner, slide show and beach party and said our good byes to all the people we had met who were flying out the next morning.

We had a great time and an experience I will never forget. I would like to say a big thank you to Mike Ratcliffe for his companionship and being a great friend.

Complete Wasters project comes to Sileby



Complete Wasters is a voluntary environmental organisation set up in 1996. The group are currently involved in wide range of projects including



- Providing low cost recycled computers to the community.
- Making and selling fair-trade and environmentally friendly gifts.
- Recycling of materials from offices and events
- Training of the long-term unemployed.
- Providing information on recycling and the environment.

The group intend to ‘recycle’ the old training unit building on Dudley Bridge into a small eco centre demonstrating green living ideas. The existing buildings will be retained and smartened up, and the grounds surrounding them restored to create a visitor friendly site with a wildlife area and organic garden. As part of the restoration, energy saving features will be included, such as rainwater harvesting and solar panels.

The group will be working with other local organisations to run community courses on a range of subjects, including home composting, herbs for health and basic computer repair. The buildings will be used to display environmental information, and showcase fair-trade and recycled products some of which will be made in their own workshop.

Initially, work on the building will start on Make a Difference Day in October, which is supported by CVS and BBC Radio Leicester. The group expect to be fully up and running in the New Year.

There will be an open evening as part of the Christmas Lights Night on 3rd December, so please feel free to visit, see what its all about and maybe pick up a few Christmas gifts, like their water powered clocks, at the same time. If you are interested in finding out more or becoming a volunteer then visit the website at www.completewasters.co.uk or call Deborah on 0116 2517652

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4. Put 'eat chocolate' at the top of your list of things to do today. That way at least you'll get one thing right.
5. A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Now isn't that handy?
6. Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.
7. Two reasons why chocolate is a vegetable.
 - (a) Chocolate is derived from beans. Beans = vegetable
 - (b) Sugar is derived from either Cane or Beet. Both are plants, which places them into the vegetable category.
8. If not for chocolate, there would be no need for control pantyhose. An entire garment industry would be devastated.
9. REMEMBER: "Stressed" spelled backwards is "desserts"



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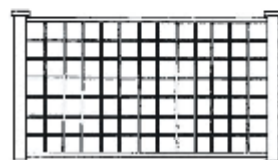
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ANTHONY PATEMAN MA. STL. PhL.



In 1940 Anthony Pateman was born in Leicester and from 1944 to 1951 attended Hinckley Road Primary school (now known as Doveland's). During those years he packed a bit of a punch to become light heavy weight boxing champion. After leaving primary school he attended St. Hugh's Diocesan College at Tollerton from 1951 to 1958 where he won State and a Roman scholarship. In 1958 he attended English College and Gregorian University, Rome; he was a stenographer at the Second Vatican Council. He was ordained in 1964.

In 1965 he came back into the "big wide world" becoming assistant priest to Fr. Bernard Mooney at The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe.

1966 saw him away again to Downing College, Cambridge, reading English Literature for three years before attending the Institute of Education in London.

1970 saw his return to St. Hugh's College, Tollerton. This time as a member of staff and in 1971 became Head teacher holding that post until 1978.

The following year he became assistant priest to Fr. Paul Klee at Stamford.

He took up his first parish in 1979, becoming parish priest at Melbourne and Castle Donnington, where he made his first attempts at building "Small Communities," the people called them "K" groups. (K standing for "KOINONIA," a word which is engraved on the chalice which was given to him at his ordination). The word cannot be translated into English, since it means every sort of sharing from pennies in the common pot through sacramental sharing to the shared life of the Trinity.

From 1987 to 1992 he served Aspley in Nottingham before becoming parish priest of St. Gregory's, Sileby, where he tried again to introduce "Small Communities." This time they began to work. He was instrumental in building the new Social Centre at St. Gregory's, which we are all proud of. The new building serves all the community.

In 2002 St. Gregory's Sileby teamed up with the Divine Infant of Prague at Syston and he moved on to live there. The conjunction of the two parishes is a natural one, and he appears to be pleased to be the first priest to work it, especially as it leaves him in the Loughborough deanery, in which he has spent the last 25 years, and in Leicestershire, his native county. He says he hopes to spend the rest of his working life with people of the east bank of the River Soar.

Shortly after moving, he was able to attend the first national assembly of Small Christian Communities in the Philippines.

He is also involved in the establishing of Pastoral Councils within the Diocese.

He is a regular visitor to the "Walkers Stadium" where he promises to "Keep The Faith," being a Leicester City fan.

We all congratulate him on his Ruby anniversary and wish God's blessings on him for the future.



Church News



St. Gregory's R.C Church

Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December

6pm	Children's Christmas Mass	Sileby
9pm	Christmas Night Mass	Syston

Christmas Day, Saturday 25th December

9am	Christmas Dawn Mass	Sileby
11am	Christmas Day Mass	Syston

Sunday 26th December

9am	Holy Family Mass	Sileby
11am	Holy Family Mass	Syston

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

Sunday 19th December

9am	Holy Communion	Cossington
9am	Holy Communion	Seagrave
10.30am ...	All Age Communion Service	St. Mary's
5pm	Service of Lessons and Carols	Seagrave
6.30pm	Advent Evening Worship	St. Mary's
7pm	Service of Lessons and Carols	Cossington

Christmas Eve, Friday 25th December

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

Christmas Day, Saturday 25th December

9am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
9am	Holy Communion	Seagrave
9am	Christmas Praise	Cossington
10.30am ...	Family Service	St. Mary's

Sunday 26th December

10.30am ...	Benefice Communion	St. Mary's
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Sileby Methodist Church

Monday 13th December

7.30pm Ladies Circle Carol Service

Sunday 19th December

9.15 am Arise

10.45am Morning Worship

4pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December

4pm Christingle Service

Christmas Day, Saturday 25th December

9.30am Christmas Day United Service at Wymeswold

Sunday 26th December

10.45am Morning worship

Special Service Sunday 23rd January

6pm United Covenant Service

During advent there will be a short service at 11am followed by a soup lunch on Thursday's .

Every Thursday morning is Village Value 10am till 12 pm—clothing, bric a brac and coffee.

Sileby Baptist Church

Sunday 19th December

6.30pm Family Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Day, Saturday 25th December

10.30am Christmas Day Family Service

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Sileby Gardening Gnomes

Do you have an interest in gardening?

Would you like to attend social events with like-minded people?

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 have a good variety of talks 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 along and have a look at us – we're a friendly lot.

The cost is £2 for non-members and free for members.

Our Social activities this year have included a trip to Beeby Manor, Gates' Garden Centre, Ryton Organic Centre, Oadby Botanical Gardens, Anwick Garden Centre, each of these trips usually includes a visit to the tea rooms or a meal out. We have just had a Skittles Night with supper and a Christmas meal out is planned for December.

If you would like any further information, please ring Gill on 01509 816545.

Breakfast at St. Mary's

St Mary's is the centre of those important occasions in our lives. In the new year, make a resolution to learn more about the work of the Friends of St. Mary's. This group raises funds to maintain the Church fabric.

Meet new friends. Take the opportunity to become involved.

Full English breakfast will be served in the Pochin Hall on the 8th of January 2005, starting at 8am. Following this will be a short presentation.

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Your Letters

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Dear talk @ Sileby

I would like to add my voice to that of Bill Jelly (issue 11) who, very eloquently, expressed the confusion of many, over the recent pavement-works in the village centre. I have wondered about the wisdom of these alterations as I've sat in the traffic queues mounting up past King Street and blocking off Mountsorrel Lane, only to find the cause, a bus with time to make up before pulling away and a car parked outside the Chinese Takeaway. Nothing remarkable about either of these things, they used to happen all the time without incident, but now they cause the hold up of thirty or so cars who can do nothing but sit, quietly fuming and wondering who to ask; why?

The idea of 'Total Gridlock' in Sileby should be about as comical as the advert involving the Trinidad bus and a solitary bicycle, but I don't see anyone laughing, as we all sit with elbows on window sills and heads in hands, until the bus decides he's caught up to his timetable, or the '36 with prawn crackers' is ready to go. I do see, otherwise passive, drivers

screeching off down the road when they finally get clearance, trying to make up the time they have wasted. I am hoping that these 'alterations' are not the waste of effort and public funding that they appear, but for some higher good. If so, then we really need to know what it is, in order to better bear the inconvenience.

T.D. Bradshaw
Cossington Road

Dear Talk @ Sileby

I am writing in response to the letter sent by Mr. Jelly in issue 11 of Talk @ Sileby and in particular his queries as to why traffic calming has been introduced to the High Street.

In autumn 2002 the Sileby Village Appraisal Group published a 123 page report summarizing the results of the most comprehensive survey ever carried out in the village and parish of Sileby.

A detailed questionnaire was personally delivered to every

household in the village. 1371 questionnaires were completed and returned (52%), which we believe is a unique and breathtaking level of response to a village appraisal. The response rate certainly eclipses the level of interest shown in local elections!

In the questionnaire, villagers were asked to comment on and respond to a series of questions including the view that villagers had of the village, facilities available in the village, local businesses, work opportunities and the issue of travel and transport. From the responses, over 90% of respondents considered that there were danger spots on the roads in and around the village. The main area of concern was that area including the roads around St Mary's Church. A significant number of concerns were also expressed regarding speeding cars.

Following the publication of the survey, the local authorities did, I assume, take note of the concerns expressed by this 90% of the respondents and I imagine that this has led directly or indirectly to the introduction of the traffic calming measures on the High street.

I am also led to understand that a road use survey carried out last year in the village showed that 5000 vehicles each day travelled through the village. Based on 2655 homes in the village I think it is fair to assume that a large proportion of that traffic

may be through traffic, using the village as a rat run. I am certainly aware that Sileby is used as a convenient way to link the A46 and the A6 if one wishes to avoid the Hobby Horse roundabout.

I also note with interest Mr. Jelly's comment that he has not at any time seen speeding through the village. On the contrary, I have seen many such examples, particularly between the hours of 8-9am and 5-6pm. On a Friday evening vehicles on High Street regularly exceed 30-40 mph; even with traffic calming in place. I do understand that there are those who think that traffic calming is undesirable; however, I am most concerned with the desire for safety; among mothers with young children and the aged and infirm struggling along what was a narrow high street and past a dangerously narrow footpath near the Church;. The High Street should be a safe passage for pedestrians and a centre for village and community life not a convenient fast route for through traffic. If the only way to achieve these aims is to introduce traffic calming then I am fully in support of such measures.

Sincerely Yours
Mr. R Botterill

My Autumn Poem



*The flaming coloured leaves that hover and
race to the ground.*

A new carpet of all sorted leaves every day of autumn.

*Spiky conkers speed to the ground, as the breezy wind
blows them off the tree.*

*The bare trees stand lonely waiting for someone to come.
The gloomy dark mornings as you walk out of your door to
go to school.*

*The swaying leaves that fall of the tree when it dances in
the breeze.*

*Wrap up warm in your soft clothes, a snake like scarf and
paw like mittens.*

*As you walk through the forest the bed of leaves crackle
under your feet.*

*Skeleton trees with boney arms and fingers, scaring
anything that walks past.*

*The mist, which escapes from your mouth when you play
with your friends in the cold air.*

*The earth turns its back to the Sun as if they have fallen
out and refuse to talk,*

*The breeze feels like the touch of an icy snowman running
his fingers across your face.*

By Jack Swift. Age 9



SHAPE FITNESS COMES TO SILEBY

The SHAPE FITNESS GROUP who have been at the forefront of the fitness industry for over 26 years opened one of their classes in the Sileby Community Centre in September. Founded in 1978 in the small village of Wymeswold, Jenny Bell who is now a valued member of the Fitness Professionals Advisory Board team, started teaching exercise classes to the latest chart hits in the village hall. She quickly teamed up with three other instructors to form the Shape Fitness Group, which currently consists of over 40 freelance instructors covering Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire.

"Many of our workouts are taught in community, school and village halls. Our philosophy is that everyone deserves the best, and we endeavor to bring the most up to date ideas to our workouts, backed up by the latest research with regard to safety and effectiveness. We also believe it is essential that all our clients experience the personal touch" says current director Rose Thorpe.

We currently have classes running nearby in Queniborough, Syston and Thurmaston and had enquiries about a class in Sileby. The class is a Body Conditioning class, suitable for all ages and all fitness levels and is progressive, gradually increasing the intensity of the workout over the weeks.

Sam, the instructor is hoping to put the FUN back into fitness. "So many people feel self conscious and worry about going wrong in a fitness class, but they shouldn't, this class will be simple but very effective, working the cardiovascular system to burn fat but also toning the body to give a firmer, more streamlined look" says Sam.

The class may incorporate the use of light hand weights and bands for resistance training. The class costs £3.50. There is no joining fee and it is a pay as you go scheme. If you are interested in the class and would like more information about this or any of the SHAPE classes in the area please ring Area Manager Sarah on 0116 2694302 or Instructor Sam on 0116 2608237

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HIGH STREET PEDESTRIAN SCHEME

The High Street Pedestrian Scheme has now been completed. The Bollards were specially designed for Sileby and a needle and thread design was chosen to commemorate the hosiery and boot and shoe industries that were the major employers in the Village. Funding has now been secured to replace the railings on Brook Street, from Dudley Bridge to Back Lane, and also from the Mercury News Shop to Dudley Bridge. A simpler design is to be used but will incorporate the needle and thread design.

PROVISION OF SKATEBOARD FACILITY - SILEBY MEMORIAL PARK

Sileby Parish Council is actively pursuing the provision of a skateboard Park, which will be the next phase 2 of the refurbishment of the Memorial Park. The installation of this facility will be completed as soon as funding becomes available.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR'S

The Parish Council welcomes two new members, Councillor Mrs Butler and Councillor Mr Kinton.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2004

The switching on of the lights will take place on Friday 3rd December 2004 at 630pm, Martin Walk. There will be a short Carol Service, Victorian Market in the Community Centre Sports Hall, Children's Rides and Father Christmas. Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies will be served in the Community Centre. A collection will be made in aid of the Chairman's Charity, which this year will be 'Rainbows'.

SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

Please visit our new web site at: www.silebyparishcouncil.org.uk

COST OF VANDALISM/ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON AREAS UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL JULY - OCTOBER 2004

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

Memorial Park	£430.00
Security/Surveillance Refurbished Play Areas	£1000.00
<u>TOTAL VANDALISM/ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR COSTS</u>	<u>£1430.00</u>

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It is Sileby Parish Council's policy that no action is taken when correspondence or information is received anonymously.

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Sileby Buffaloes Update

It has been another great year of fundraising for the Sileby Buffs, or as they are more formally known, the City of Charnwood Buffaloes Lodge. The subject of this years appeal is the Sileby St Johns Ambulance group, and the presentation of our donation to them will be on Tuesday 14th December at the Sileby WMC on King Street from 8pm. Mick Knight is the soloist providing the entertainment, and there will be the usual bingo and raffle, along with a buffet for those present. All are welcome to come and join in, and as usual, all monies raised will be used by the Lodge for next year's charity.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported us throughout the year at our regular bingo nights (second Tuesday of each month, except January), because without that support we would not be able to raise the sums we do year after year. If anyone would like to come to our bingo nights, all are welcome, but we are especially keen to recruit more members for the Lodge - so if any of you chaps out there are interested in helping your local community whilst being part of a great social group, the Lodge occurs every Tuesday at 8pm, and we would be glad to see anyone before we start to talk about what Buffaloism offers and how it may be of



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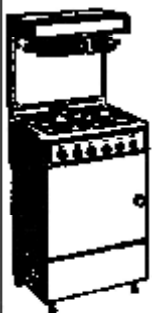
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REPORT FROM SILEBY BOWLS CLUB. John Ward.



Sileby Bowls Club have just completed one of their most successful Bowling Seasons. Ernie Smithard, the Captain of the Leicester League team, hit the jackpot when his team responded by winning the Division 3 title. Having been undefeated both at Home and Away, they showed the character of the team when often having to come from behind to claim victory. Nevertheless, the achievement does not happen very often. Further displays saw the Club reach the Quarter Finals of the Atkins Shield, the Unbadged Club competitions and the Semi-Final of the Thursday Triples League to put the icing on the cake.

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The 50th Annual Photographic Society Exhibition was held at the Village Institute at the end of October and was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood on the Saturday afternoon. Following on from the successful Dinner held earlier in the year to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Society, the Exhibition displayed the high standard of work from the Members and was well attended, albeit most of the visitors travelling into the village.

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME

January 10th	Comments by the judge of our Annual Competitions for prints and colour slides
January 24th	Slide lecture on Alaska and Pribilof Island by Nigel Atkinson
January 31st	Slide lecture on The Outer Hebrides by Bob & Jackie Comes
February 7th	Quarterly Competition, 1st Round((Judge Frank Millington)
February 14th	Slide show by David Putt
February 28th	Slide Knock-Out Competition (Judge John Jones)
March 14th	China in Black & White by Brian Pearce
March 21th	Print and Slide Battle with Grantham and Melton Mowbray Photographic Societies (Judge Stuart Hewins)

Sileby Post Office News

Sileby Post Office is open for business:

Monday & Tuesday 8:30am—5:30pm

Wednesday—Saturday 9:00am—5.30pm

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Quiz Time—Where is it?

This issue's quiz is something different. We give you ten photographs of places in Sileby, all you have to do is identify the locations and submit the list to the editor at 18 Brushfield Avenue by the 31st January 2005 (so if you are having difficulty identifying them all, you can spend some time walking off that turkey and pudding to see if you can spot where they are). A prize will be given for the first correct answer pulled from the hat on 1st February. Please state age if under 16. Good luck.



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