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This Issues forward is by Andrew Marshall of St. Mary's Church.

Robert Louis Stephenson is quoted as saying "To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive"

In our modern world we are constantly bombarded with statistics about performance, achieving the goal, meeting the target, getting there! We are urged to look to the future, to plan, to budget, to move on to the next new piece of technology. We live our lives in the fast lane, always striving to arrive.

But what about the journey? What about the now? Spring is upon us, life is bursting forth again in so many different ways. Summer would be no where near as beautiful if it wasn't for the preparation work of spring. If we take the time to stop and look we will see that the now has things to offer as well as the future.

I remember as a child, being desperate for things to come, being impatient with the passage of time. These days, I still look forward with the same eagerness, but I try to make the most of the now as well. To be appreciative for what I have, to take the time to enjoy the journey.

I have been watching the buds on the trees change over the past few days. The little glimpses of what was to come made the impact of the finished product far more impressive. The journey is as important and as enriching as the destination.

As we look towards Summer, let us not miss out on the opportunity to appreciate the Spring.

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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.

Why are we late?

You may have noticed that we are late producing this edition of the magazine, this is due to our advertising manager resigning after the last issue, without adverts we have no cash to pay the printers hence no magazine. If you feel you can join us to help in this area then please get in touch with any of the people listed below.

We also are looking for people to organise meetings, get us to deadlines in time and to help organise the distribution of the magazine. If you think you can help in this area then again please contact any of the people listed below

Front Cover Picture: The Sileby Town Cricket Club's new pavilion, recently completed for the new season. You can read about the club on page 14.

Photo: Lionel Blower.

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Issue 12 Quiz answers and winners.

Thanks to all those who entered the photo quiz in issue 12, we had a record number of entries and congratulate the winner Mr Glover, who was first out of the hat and received a £10 gift voucher for Woolworths.

For the curious who did not enter the answers where.

- 1) Sileby Railway Station
- 2) Outside Redlands School
- 3) The Mosaic on Martins Walk
- 4) Tesco Express sign
- 5) The Village Institute entrance
- 6) Sign on the White Swan pub, Swan Street
- 7) The Pavilion back door in the Memorial Park
- 8) Sileby Library, Cossington Road
- 9) The entrance to Manor park estate, Harlequin Road.
- 10) The painted window on the Horse and Trumpet.

Quiz Time.

The quiz this time is more conventional. 10 questions to answer. Get your answers into the editor by the end of July. The first correct contestant drawn from the hat on the 1st August will receive the prize.

AMERICAN STATE CAPITALS

The answers to the following ten questions all contain the name of a state capital.

1. Which mythical bird is said to have risen from its own ashes?
2. Which astronaut became the Six Million Dollar Man?
3. Who wrote the song 'Take Me Home Country Roads'?
4. Which 1960s pop group had a hit with 'Tobacco Road'?
5. What is the French equivalent for the name of Peter?
6. Which superstar owned a pet snake called Muscles?
7. In the Bible who was the main writer of the Epistles?
8. Who sang the first ever song on *Top of the Pops*?
9. Who is credited with introducing potatoes to Britain?
10. Who was nicknamed 'The Iron Chancellor'?

Who's that person on patrol, we see him regularly, but what is his role, who does he work for and why is he here? Well, for those of you I haven't yet met, please let me explain.

My name is Brian Geeson and I am your Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) employed by the Leicestershire Constabulary and based at Quorn Police station.

The idea for PCSO's goes back to the Government's Police Reform Act (2002) which saw the introduction of PCSO's to work in local communities dealing with lower level criminal activities like anti-social behaviour and quality of life issues which may have a detrimental affect on all of us.

I am not a Police Officer, but I do have common law powers of arrest. I am authorised to issue fines for illegal parking, public order offences, report untaxed vehicles and arrange with the DVLA to have vehicles clamped. I can arrange the removal of abandoned vehicles. I can confiscate tobacco and alcohol from underage youths.

My primary role is one of high visibility, giving reassurance against the fear of crime. I act as a deterrent against crime being committed and tackle community issues that a Police Officer wouldn't necessarily have time to deal with.

I am very keen to promote Neighbourhood Watch as it helps to keep people focused and aware of their surrounding area. It is important that people look out for their neighbours and report anything suspicious both to the Police and a local NHW co-ordinator.

It is imperative that we all look out for our senior citizens as they are particularly vulnerable to burglars who trick their way into homes. We must ensure that we always check for official ID from people who claim to be from local authorities, including the council, the gas, electric or water



companies and even the police. We should not let strangers into our homes unless we are totally happy that they are who they say they are.

I am very proud to serve your village. It is a good place to live and has a very good community spirit. I have got to know many of you and I thank you for your welcome and support.

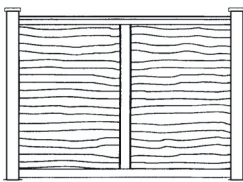
Local Beat Officer, PC Tom Haines and I hold a Police Surgery at the Community Centre

in High Street on alternate Tuesdays between 10am and 11.30am. We can give advice on crime prevention, personal safety and Neighbourhood Watch schemes and are happy to listen to concerns and help with queries.

We hope local people will call in to let us know if we can be of assistance to them. I can even post code your treasured bicycle or any other property while you wait!

If you're unable to visit the surgery, but would like to contact me please phone on Leicester (0116) 222 2222 - follow the instructions and when prompted, enter the identification number 6507 and leave a message. Please leave your name and number and I will return your call as soon as I can.

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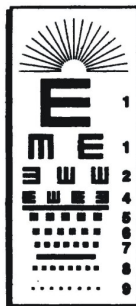
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Sileby Taekwon-do club

recently had its' greatest success to date. In December 2004, assistant instructor Toni Warden (22) gained her 1st Degree black belt in the art following a gruelling 3 hour grading. Her instructor Alex Andrews said: "It is a great achievement both for Toni as a devoted and determined student and for myself as a proud instructor, this result should encourage other students to persevere and aim for high standards in the art."

Any body interested in learning the Korean art of Taekwon-do should call into one of the clubs at Sileby Community centre on Monday or Wednesday evenings, or call Alex Andrews on: 07764 756 336.



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TO SCOOP OR NOT TO SCOOP?

Dog owners, do you clean up after your dog? If not, why not? Charnwood Borough Council receives numerous complaints about irresponsible dog owners who don't clean up after their dogs. There are very good reasons why all dog owners should do so.

Firstly, there's the law. The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 makes it an offence to fail to clean up after your dog if it fouls on public land. A £50 fixed penalty ticket can be issued, or, if someone is found guilty in court, there is a maximum fine of £1000. "Everyone should carry a poop scoop when they take their dog out for a walk", said Environmental Health Technician, Hugh Weaver. He added, "forgetting to carry a poop scoop is no defence if your dog gets caught short whilst out for a walk"!

Charnwood's dog warden, John Barker, is in the front line against the foulers. "I put up dog fouling signs where the problem is particularly bad or where people have requested them", commented John, "recently in Sileby, someone even went to the trouble of removing a number of signs that I'd put up. They obviously didn't like the message"!

The law isn't the only reason people should "Scoop the Poop". Not only is dog mess smelly and unpleasant if you tread in it, cycle through it, or if you are unlucky enough to push a pushchair through it, it's a health hazard as well. If an unwormed dog makes a mess its faeces may contain the eggs of the roundworm "Toxacara" which can survive in the soil for several years. If they are ingested or inhaled by humans they may cause eye, liver, brain and respiratory problems such as asthma, hepatitis and epilepsy. Children playing in fouled recreation areas are most at risk, and dog waste is also a potential health risk to farmers livestock if dogs foul in their fields. "It's important to worm your dog regularly" said Hugh, "puppies may be born with "Toxacara" which is passed through their mothers milk, it's vital then that all pups are wormed regularly on the advice of a vet".

If you have any information about irresponsible dog owners who don't clean up after their dog, please call 01509 634628 and let us know.



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The railings from Dudley Bridge to Back Lane have now been completed.

PROVISION OF SKATEBOARD FACILITY - SILEBY MEMORIAL PARK

The funding and design of the skateboard park have been processed. The work will commence on 11th July and will take 3-4 weeks. We are all looking forward to this facility being available for the young people of the Village.

SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE

A new heating system is to be installed during the summer holidays which will necessitate the Community Centre being closed from 18th July 2005 for one month. It is anticipated that the Sports Hall will be available for use from 8th August 2005. Anyone wishing to make a booking please contact the Parish Council Office on 01509 813075.

EVENTS AT SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE -APRIL

A Quiz Night was held on Friday 1st April 2005 and was a great success.

SILEBY CEMETERY CHAPEL

The Chairman of Sileby Parish Council, Councillor Mrs J Harris held the Civic Service at the refurbished Cemetery Chapel, as the official opening event, on Sunday 17th April 2005. The service was attended by The Mayor of Charnwood Councillor Mike Jones and the Mayoress, Leader Leicestershire County Council Mr David Parson and Mrs Parsons, County Councillor Mr Mason and Mrs Mason, Borough Councillors, Parish Councillors and other invited guests. The Chapel was open to the public after the service and visited by several local residents.

The Chapel is now available for use by the general public. For further information please visit our web site or contact the Office.

BEST FRONT/REAR GARDEN COMPETITION

Sileby Parish Council encourages all residents to take part in this competition which will be judged between 2nd July to 12th July 2005. Contact the Parish Council Office for an application form, 01509 813075.

SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

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

COST OF VANDALISM/ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON AREAS UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2004 - MAY 2005

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.

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| Memorial Park | £910.00 |
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Both groups meet at the St.John’s Ambulance HQ, King Street, Sileby (Down by the side of Heaps Hardware)

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Sileby Town Cricket Club News

Mill Lane, Sileby Town's home for well over 100 years, went through a huge transformation during the winter of 2003/2004 with the help of local traders and club members as the changes to the old pavilion, which has stood since the 1960s, made the first step to making Sileby a force in local cricket once again.

The refurbished pavilion still has a few finishing touches to be done and there are plans to set up a second ground on the far side of the existing Mill Lane site to allow more cricket than ever before to be played in the village.

Club Secretary Alan Parker said: "A couple of years ago you could look out from the pavilion and the ground looked a picture. Unfortunately, it didn't look quite the same when you looked back from the other side of the field towards the pavilion.

"Last winter we took on a project to make the view all around Mill Lane look just as good no matter where you looked from. A whole host of people have to take a great deal of credit and it just underlines what a family club it is when you look down the list of club members that gave time and money towards the project.

"There was a bit of a rush to get everything done and dusted for the opening game of last season but the majority of the work we wanted to get done was completed on time and there were just a few loose ends left to tie up. Some of them still need to be completed. Things like varnishing the wooden interior in the function room and dressing rooms still need to be done but they are small things when you look at the bigger picture. It's definitely a good place to be on a hot summers' day - and the bar is always well stocked too!"

Not only do the club enter two sides in the Everards Leicestershire Senior League on a Saturday but they also enter two senior sides on a Sunday in the Grantham and Melton League and 2005 will also see Sileby enter two sides in the Loughborough Cricket Association Thursday Evening League to provide more junior cricketers with an early taste of senior cricket.

The need for the second ground has been brought to the fore by the continued success of Sileby's junior system, which keeps producing quality youngsters who will become the First XI stars of the future and in the very near future, the demand for senior cricket will soon be outstripping the supply if it wasn't for the second ground.

The First XI, under the leadership of James Melody, enjoyed a magnificent

second half to the 2004 season as they went unbeaten in the last nine games to finish a creditable fifth place in Everards Division One while the Second XI, skippered by Rob Hands, also finished fifth, and they did have a memorable away win against neighbours Barrow to look back on!

Unlike most local clubs, Sileby no longer play friendly cricket on a Sunday as the more competitive nature of the Grantham and Melton League helps the club groom lots of young hopefuls for the step up to Everards cricket. Grantham cricket has helped bring the likes of youngsters Liam Kinch, Charles Kindleysides and Phil Hackett the benefit of competitive cricket and they all went on to hold down regular places in the Saturday Second XI during 2004.

The Sunday First XI, under the captaincy of Steve Greenwell gained back-to-back promotions as they won the Second Division and will now play in the top flight in 2005 while Steve Steel's Sunday Second XI finished just outside the promotion places in Division Three.

The Under 13s produced a glut of silverware as they proved what a talented outfit they are with the likes of Michael Ruddie, Lewis Burnip, Dan Tompkins and Tom Granger producing quality performances alongside Kinch and Kindleysides as managers Nigel Kinch and Paul Tompkins guided their young charges expertly.

"The junior side of the club is our strength" added Parker. "We've got plenty of juniors and the new ground will give a great backdrop for them to parade their skills for both their junior side and the seniors. The club is definitely on the move but we are always on the lookout for new players and also helpers. "There's plenty of work that goes into a club like Sileby that a lot of people either don't know about or wouldn't think of. The tea ladies always do a fantastic job for the seniors and they're always appreciative of any help that anyone can give, whether it be in terms of physical or financial help.

"We' do have a fundraising committee which is up and running and although we have club members on there, we'd welcome some input from the community in and around Sileby to bring in some new and fresh ideas. We've got a website www.silebytown.co.uk which carries all the club news and has also got contact details on there for myself and several other members."

The finishing touches will be made to the pavilion while on the playing side of things the first ball being bowled in anger is on 16th April when the Sunday First XI play their first Grantham League fixtures away from home with the Sunday Second XI kicking things off against Croxton Kerrial at Mill Lane the following day.

The Everards fixtures begin on 23rd April with the Firsts travelling to relegated Hinckley Town on the opening day while the Second XI have a home date with Hinckley's second string, who also dropped down a division. The important dates for the diary are the two Second XI fixtures against Barrow with a home date on 7th May and an away day on 16th July at Nottingham Road. Both promise to be highly competitive matches! Parker added: "We look forward to welcoming players and supporters to the club during the season and we hope to see plenty of people from the village out supporting their team and enjoying a few drinks in the sun in the process!"

The cricket club also boasts a ladies team, they are always looking for new players, younger or older, experienced or not to swell their numbers.

All contact details are the Sileby town website – www.silebytown.co.uk

A successful future on and off the field for Sileby Town? I'll drink to that!

2005 First XI Fixtures

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Competition |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 04-Jun-05 | Bitteswell | Away | Everards Division One |
| 11-Jun-05 | Barwell | HOME | Everards Division One |
| 18-Jun-05 | Kegworth Town | HOME | Everards Division One |
| 25-Jun-05 | Langtons | Away | Everards Division One |
| 02-Jul-05 | Egerton Park | HOME | Everards Division One |
| 09-Jul-05 | Hinckley Town | HOME | Everards Division One |
| 10-Jul-05 | Newtown Linford | Away | Everards Division One |
| 16-Jul-05 | Earl Shilton | HOME | Everards Division One |
| 23-Jul-05 | Ashby Hastings | Away | Everards Division One |
| 30-Jul-05 | Quorn | HOME | Everards Division One |
| 06-Aug-05 | Countesthorpe | Away | Everards Division One |
| 13-Aug-05 | Bitteswell | HOME | Everards Division One |
| 20-Aug-05 | Barwell | Away | Everards Division One |
| 27-Aug-05 | Kegworth Town | Away | Everards Division One |
| 03-Sep-05 | Langtons | HOME | Everards Division One |
| 10-Sep-05 | Egerton Park | Away | Everards Division One |

2005 Second XI Fixtures

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Competition |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 04-Jun-05 | Barwell 2s | HOME | Everards Division Five |
| 11-Jun-05 | Croft 1s | Away | Everards Division Five |
| 18-Jun-05 | Shepshed Town 2s | Away | Everards Division Five |
| 25-Jun-05 | Langtons 2s | HOME | Everards Division Five |
| 02-Jul-05 | Broomleys 2s | Away | Everards Division Five |
| 09-Jul-05 | Hinckley Town 2s | Away | Everards Division Five |
| 10-Jul-05 | Newtown Linford 2s | HOME | Everards Division Five |
| 16-Jul-05 | Barrow Town 2s | Away | Everards Division Five |

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| 23-Jul-05 | Quorn 2s | HOME | Everards Division Five |
| 30-Jul-05 | Narborough & Littlethorpe 2s | Away | Everards Division Five |
| 06-Aug-05 | Bitteswell 2s | HOME | Everards Division Five |
| 13-Aug-05 | Barwell 2s | Away | Everards Division Five |
| 20-Aug-05 | Croft 1st | HOME | Everards Division Five |
| 27-Aug-05 | Shepshed Town 2s | HOME | Everards Division Five |
| 03-Sep-05 | Langtons 2s | Away | Everards Division Five |
| 10-Sep-05 | Broomleys | HOME | Everards Division Five |

2005 Sunday First XI Fixtures

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Competition |
|-----------|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| 05-Jun-05 | Bottesford | Away | Grantham Div 1 |
| 11-Jun-05 | Pickwell | Away | Grantham Div 1 |
| 12-Jun-05 | Waltham | Away | Grantham Div 1 |
| 19-Jun-05 | Pickwell | HOME | Golding Cup |
| 03-Jul-05 | Woolsthorpe | HOME | Grantham Div 1 |
| 09-Jul-05 | Easton on the Hill | Away | Golding Cup |
| 08-Aug-0 | 5 Harlexton | Away | Grantham Div 1 |
| 17-Jul-05 | Ashby Carrington | Away | Grantham Div 1 |
| 24-Jul-05 | Hoby | HOME | Grantham Div 1 |
| 31-Jul-05 | Great Dalby | HOME | Grantham Div 1 |
| 07-Aug-05 | North Luffenham | Away | Grantham Div 1 |
| 14-Aug-05 | Bottesford | HOME | Grantham Div 1 |
| 21-Aug-05 | Woolsthorpe | Away | Grantham Div 1 |
| 28-Aug-05 | Waltham | HOME | Grantham Div 1 |
| 11-Sep-05 | Buckminster | HOME | Grantham Div 1 |

2005 Sunday Second XI Fixtures

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Competition |
|-----------|----------------------|-------|----------------|
| 05-Jun-05 | Thorpe Arnold | HOME | Grantham Div 3 |
| 12-Jun-05 | Barrowby | HOME | Grantham Div 3 |
| 18-Jun-05 | Wakerley & Barrowden | Away | Golding Shield |
| 03-Jul-05 | Newage | Away | Grantham Div 3 |
| 10-Jul-05 | Ashby Carrington 2 | HOME | Golding Shield |
| 17-Jul-05 | Belton Park | HOME | Grantham Div 3 |
| 24-Jul-05 | Barrowby | Away | Grantham Div 3 |
| 31-Jul-05 | Barkston & Syston | Away | Golding Shield |
| 06-Aug-05 | Wakerley & Barrowden | Away | Grantham Div 3 |
| 14-Aug-05 | Syston Town | Away | Grantham Div 3 |
| 21-Aug-05 | Syston Town | HOME | Grantham Div 3 |
| 04-Sep-05 | Wakerley & Barrowden | HOME | Grantham Div 3 |
| 11-Sep-05 | Egerton Park | Away | Grantham Div 3 |
| 18-Sep-05 | Newage | HOME | Grantham Div 3 |



Your Letters

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

Dog Fouling.

We regret to have to say that Dog Fouling seems to have increased dramatically recently not only in the Village Centre but everywhere within the Parish. We have received several complaints from concerned residents, some of who are Dog Owners, it is also very pleasing to see the responsible dog owners with their plastic bags and using the bins provided. The habit of not cleaning up after your dog or allowing your dog to roam and make a mess is not only anti-social but also a health hazard. Be warned allowing your dog to foul can lead to £50 on the spot fine if caught by one of the new dog wardens employed by the Borough Council or even a larger fine if taken to court. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

Cllr Roy Brown & Cllr Ken Jones.

Improvements at The Banks Surgery

As you may have noticed, there have been a great many changes at The Banks Surgery over recent months and so we thought it may be helpful if we explained what has been happening and why and also tell you of the future plans for the surgery.

In early 2004 there was a danger of the surgery being closed following the resignation of the last of the partners of the practice. This would have meant patients having no choice but to move elsewhere for medical care.

At this point Dr Clay and his team, who run a successful surgery themselves, stepped in at the request of Charnwood & North West Leicestershire Primary Care Trust. Their aim; to nurture a caring, stable, permanent team who would provide the best possible care for the patients of the surgery.

Many Improvements have been implemented already but many more exciting developments in the pipeline.

- Telephone Triage with Advanced Access has been a great success in many parts of the country providing same day appointments for those wishing to be seen and advice by telephone for those who don't. It also allows people to book ahead if they wish. We have now put this into practice at The Banks Surgery. The doctors or nurses talk to virtually everybody and book their appointments directly. The advantage of this is that many people (over 50%), have their queries or requests answered by speaking directly to a doctor or nurse without having to come in to the surgery. The doctors and nurses, therefore, have increased availability to see patients who want to come in for a face-to-face consultation and, because of their clinical knowledge, will allocate more time to spend with those people that need it. If you have difficulty in being called back then please tell the reception staff who initially take your call and they will do their best to put you through to a clinician directly when one becomes available.
- You may have noticed that the reception staff ask for a brief description of your problem when you call in. You do not have to tell them, of course, but doing so enables them to allocate your call to the correct person and also ensures that any urgent problems are dealt with sooner rather than later. One way that you can help us is to understand the demands put upon the surgery. Mondays or the day after a Bank Holiday are always the busiest and so if you have a routine query then it is best to avoid ringing on those days. Also it is worth knowing that 2/3 of all of our calls come in the morning and 2/3 of them before 10:30. So if you have a non-urgent problem or a routine query then the best time to call is after 2pm.
- Dr Alistair Moore and Dr Mick Summer came as permanent doctors in September 2004 and in mid-July they are being joined by a full-time lady doctor, Dr Clare Devine. Occasionally locum (temporary) GPs may be required to cover holidays, etc but we will do our best to minimise the number of times this happens.

- Sister Sarah Vale is a Specialist Nurse Practitioner providing specialist care for people with diabetes, asthma, coronary heart disease, hypertension (high blood pressure) and minor illnesses.
- We have just installed a brand new computer system to help us better care for you. This will help us to improve our record keeping and patient care.
- We have also invested in new equipment including a new computerised ECG machine, and new spirometer to help us care for people with heart and lung disease.
- Future plans include a new, larger surgery to provide additional and enhanced services with better parking.
- We are setting up a 'Friends of The Banks Surgery' patient group. The group will be your opportunity to input your thoughts and suggestions, to tell us what we are doing right, what we could do better and together come-up with ideas as to how we can improve the service that we deliver to the people of Sileby and the surrounding villages. This is your opportunity to get involved in helping to continually improve a vital community service and influence the way in which it is provided. Secondly, we are looking for people who have now or previously had particular illnesses or diseases that would be willing to help support other fellow patients who find themselves newly diagnosed with what can sometimes be daunting or frightening diagnoses.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday 9th June, 2005 at 2:15 pm at the surgery and will be attended by members of the doctor, nurse and administration teams. Together we can build a surgery that we are all proud of.

OPENING HOURS

The Surgery is open Monday to Friday between the hours of:

8.30am to 12 Noon

2.00pm to 6.00pm

except on Thursday afternoon, when the Surgery closes at 1.00 pm.

When the Surgery is closed, you can call NHS Direct on **0845 46 47** or visit the Loughborough Walk In Centre for advice, information and treatment. The Walk In Centre is open 24 hours a day — 7 days a week.

EMERGENCY - OUT OF HOURS SERVICE

If you need a doctor in an EMERGENCY when the surgery is closed, please follow the instructions below:-

Between the hours of:- 8.00am - 8.30am or

12 Noon - 2.00pm or

6.00pm - 6.30pm

PLEASE CALL :- 0845 601 8803

Between the hours of 6.30pm – 8.00am **PLEASE CALL:- 0845 045 0411**



Sileby Gardening Gnomes

SILEBY GARDENING GNOMES are a friendly group of people who are interested in gardening and going on social outings together. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at the Village Institute (behind the FreeTrade public house), Sileby at 8.00 p.m. Each month we have an interesting talk on a gardening subject or in the summer go on outings. You don't have to be a member, just come along to the talks you are interested in. The cost is free for members and £2 for non-members each time you attend. Our programme of events are as follows:

Outings:

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| 8 th June 2005 | Complete Wasters, Sileby, 7.30 p.m. |
| 10 th July 2005 | Cascades Gardens, Derbyshire |
| 20 th July 2005 | Severn Trent, Cropston, 7.00 p.m. |
| 14 th August 2005 | Renfrew Hall Gardens, Derbyshire |

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| <u>Wednesday, 14th September 2005</u> | Talk on 'Bulbs' by Richard Yates |
| <u>Wednesday, 12th October 2005</u> | Talk on 'Alpines from the Swiss Alps' by Derek Cox |
| <u>Wednesday, 9th November 2005</u> | Talk on 'Corn Dollies' by Judy Marshall |
| <u>Wednesday, 13th December 2005</u> | Christmas Social meeting |
| <u>Wednesday, 11th January 2006</u> | Talk on 'Designing the Rainbows' Garden' by Colin Green |
| <u>Wednesday, 8th February 2006</u> | Talk on 'The Life and Times of a Goatkeeper' by Jean Brown |
| <u>Wednesday, 8th March 2006</u> | Talk on 'Hard Landscaping' by David Armes |
| <u>Wednesday, 12th April 2006</u> | Talk on 'Home Composting' by Chloe Nicholson |
| <u>Wednesday, 10th May 2006</u> | Annual General Meeting |

ALL WECOME! For further details, please ring 01509 816545 or 01664 840351. Go on - give it a try!



Heritage Wardens

Did you know that Sileby has two heritage wardens? What the **** are heritage wardens?! I hear you ask. Well they are ‘community volunteers who act as contact points for working to record and promote all aspects of Sileby’s countryside and industrial heritage’ sounds very serious but really we are two ‘down to earth’ Sileby people who volunteered last year, hibernated over the winter, and now realise just what we’ve let ourselves in for!

We are Alison Baker, with an interest in the natural history of Sileby parish and Pete Campbell, with a passion for local history. Alison would love to hear from people who may have nature diaries, memories and antidotes of the local countryside. She would also like contact with landowners who would be willing to allow access to their land for survey projects. Alison can be contacted via the parish council offices.

Pete is working on the history of the Sileby boot and shoe industry and brick works of Sileby, anyone who has memories, photos or facts relating to any of the above can contact Pete via email — peter@aberglasyn.freemove.co.uk , via the parish council offices, or on 07762 299774

To make the heritage warden projects a success we need your help — practical help would be great! We will be working closely with the parish council who are giving every assistance.

If you would like to know more about the heritage warden scheme, log onto www.leics.gov.uk

The parish council can be contacted on 01509 813075 or email clerk@silebyparishcouncil.freemove.co.uk

Many thanks
Alison and Pete

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Want to know what is happening around the village?

Then why not point your web browser to www.sileby-village.co.uk and check out the forum pages, here you will find comments and discussions about all sorts of topics, not just village gossip but film reviews, jokes and general chat.

The web site also includes some photos, old and new and some video footage of past Sileby Gala's.

The site has recently undergone a refurbishment to make navigation easier and to give it a fresh new look.

If you don't have internet access then why not go along to Sileby Library or post office, where they have facilities for access the internet for free.

ARE YOU A YOUNG PERSON OR A PARENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE ?

Have you noticed that we have no youth club at the moment?
NO ! then let me explain.....

The youth club is closed at the moment due to the lack of having any people to supervise the activities.

The club has computers, a pool table and other activities are available.

Two people are required to run the club and this would be for 5 hours over two evenings each week.

These are paid positions.

So, do you have any spare time and would like to help?

The young people of Sileby deserve to have somewhere to meet up with their mates and have a laugh and you as a parent would know that they are in a safe place.

It has been suggested that an after school club may be another option.

Parents ask your kids,

Kids ask your parents,

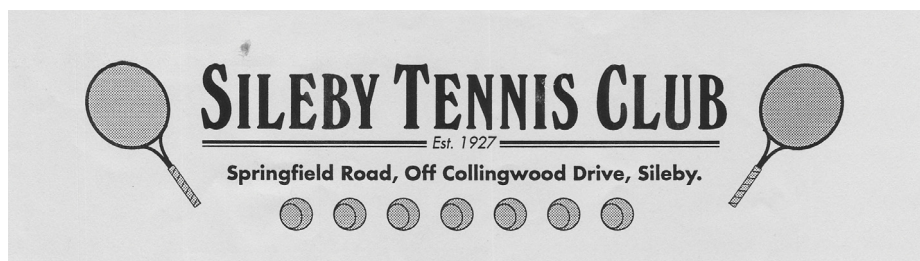
Hopefully with your input we can have a facility that the village needs.

For further details or if you have any ideas contact

Andy Shepherdson & Rod Woodhall.

andyshep@hotmail.com

01509 816391



Sileby Tennis club is looking for new members, Junior and Senior, to join our friendly club. If you want competitive tennis or just social please come and have a go.

For more information contact Jean Gratton on 814861

Light

Today I feel just like the moon
Beautiful but sad
A voice for all the quiet
A torch for all the mad

I was happy to be half
Just hanging there all dull
But you kept looking out for me
now I'm happy to be full

My purpose was unknown
And my shape not quite clear
But all your prodding and concern
Finally found my atmosphere

So lie back in your bed
And pray for a peaceful night
Thank you for your time
And giving me back my light



Swan Street, the date is unknown but parking wasn't a problem.

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