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Head Teacher Retires



Report & Photo by:
Sharon Weightman

On 16th of December there was an assembly for a very special lady at Silloth Primary School.

Mrs Rosemary Watling was ending her time as

Acting Head Teacher at the school. Mrs Watling initially came for a short cover period, but has been with the school for 18 months. Mrs Watling was thanked by Governors, staff and children for all her hard work.

There was a 30 foot

banner with photo's of all the children and staff just in case Mrs Watling was missing anybody. There followed some poem's by the children spelling out Mrs Watling's name, and a presentation of gifts and flowers. Mrs Watling will not be gone

forever as she has decided to remain on the governors, and her knowledge and experience will be invaluable.

Mrs Watling has had a long career in teaching and this has showed in her role as Acting Head at Silloth Primary, she

leaves behind a solid and dedicated structure, that will endeavour to make sure the school continues to go from strength to strength.

Finally we wish to thank Mrs Watling's family for their support and understanding, as they were

the ones who have had to wait longer than planned for Mrs Watling to be able to take her well deserved retirement.

Good Bye and best wishes Mrs Watling from everyone at Silloth Primary School.

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Jim's 77th Birthday Charity Swim

Report & Photos by:
Geoff Betsworth

Silloth veteran Rotarian Jim Aird is a pretty well known figure in the area having been the town's police sergeant for a number of years as well as having a stint as the Mayor.

There are many of us who think his finest moment might well have been on the 19th January at Stanwix Park where, on his 77th birthday, he successfully swam 77 lengths of the indoor pool. The pool there is 29 metres long and by our reckoning (with a bit of help from Google) that equates to 2,233 metres or 1.38 miles. The purpose of Jim's amazing effort was to raise money for the Rotary

PolioPlus programme for the worldwide eradication of Polio.

Jim swims most days of the week in order to keep fit and regularly does between 20 and 30 lengths but this was rather more of a challenge. However, very keen to get the job done, he made an early start and it was all over within 2 hours 20mins. Jim has said he wouldn't be too keen on repeating the exercise.

Silloth Rotary Past President Jim also has the unusual distinction of having achieved 100% attendance at the club in his 36 years of being a member and that is a total of 1,892 meetings!

The Rotary Club of Silloth-on-Solway would



like to thank the Stanwix family and their staff for their help and hospitality during the swim and also for their generous donation to the fund. Of course, yet again we must also thank the people of Silloth and the

surrounding area for their generosity in sponsoring Jim.

At the time of writing this, we are not sure of how much money has been raised but we hope to be able to publish the final figure in the next issue of the Buzz.

If you would like to know more about the Rotary Club here in Silloth or you require any further information about Rotary International in general, please contact our public relations officer on 0774 809 8081.

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5	John Marshall	20.01.1845	29.05.1907	13			
6	William Marshall	13.06.1884	20.03.1965	14	Annie Marshall	05.11.1882	23.12.1967
7				15			
8	Elizabeth Marshall nee Reay	27.05.1857	07.02.1941	16			

One of our readers, Mrs Daphne Joyce Yarrow (nee Marshall) from West End, Wigton wonders if anyone can help her identify

the people in the above photograph. It was taken during harvest at Campfield Farm, Bowness-on-Solway around 1895.

Please send your responses to the Solway Buzz (details on page 10) and we will pass them on to Mrs Yarrow.

Jubilee Celebrations

As you may know, in June this year the Queen is celebrating her Diamond Jubilee, Silloth will be playing a part in the celebrations by holding a long weekend of events on the Green from the 2nd to 4th of June. As part of these events we would like to invite all households and commercial properties to decorate their properties in the traditional Red White and Blue to show support for this momentous occasion.

There will be prizes for the best displays around Silloth.

We hope you will all be involved with the events and look forward to seeing some fabulous displays.



Sponsors Wanted

STAG (Silloth Tourism Action Group) are organising a weekend of celebration and events on Silloth Green.

They require a sponsor to provide £150 for the cash prizes for first and second places in both commercial and domestic categories of the decorated properties competition.

Can you help?

Please contact the STAG Secretary, 2 East Cote Farm, Silloth, CA7 4QH. Other sponsors will also be required.

Can You Help the Beerfest?

Report by: Emma Hill

Silloth Music and Beer Festival - Volunteers Required!

As you may already know the Silloth Music and Beer Festival is organised and staffed by volunteers, and any profits made are put back into Silloth and are used to put on other free events across the year.

Every year the committee is delighted by the generosity of the people who give up their time to volunteer to help at the festival, but we are always looking for more help!

Volunteers are welcome to work at every session if they wish, or the majority chose to do two shifts (one of these must be a Friday night or Saturday night) and then

they're able to enjoy the rest of the festival from the other side of the bar! If you're interested in getting involved at the festival, either as bar staff or as a steward, then please get in touch via email to info@sillothbeerfestival.co.uk or alternatively you can track down any member of the committee in Silloth and they'll be happy to fill you in with all the details. Cheers!

RNLI Quiz Night

Report by: Pat Froggatt

Silloth & District Fund-raising Branch are holding a Quiz Night in aid of their RNLI SOS night. This proved to be a very popular event in January 2011 and we hope that all you quizzers will again join us to make this a night to remember.

The venue will be the Golf Hotel, Silloth at 7:30pm on Friday 27th January, and once again we will be pleased to welcome Geoff and Sarah (Quiz Master and Quiz Setter) who certainly know how to test our brains.

The price will be £4 per person - teams of four. We hope that you will come along and not only join in the quiz but also Savour Our Soup which will be available at the break and is included in the price. Bring your friends and enjoy a pleasant evening.

We would also advise booking which you can do either in person at the Golf Hotel or telephone them on 016973 31438.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 27th January.

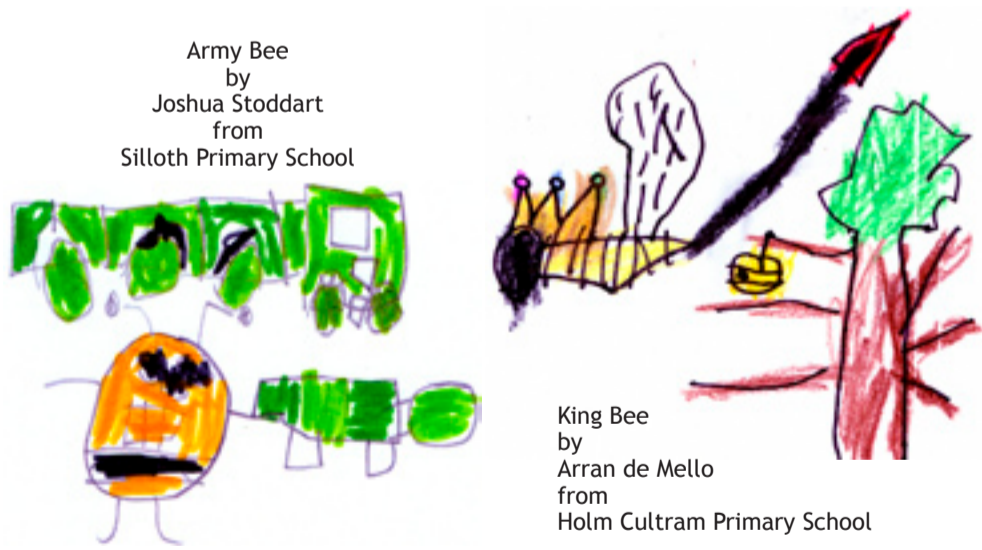
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Val's 35 Years of Service

Report by:
Sharon Weightman

Thursday 15th December there was a very special presentation for Silloth Primary School's Cook.

Mrs Val Hutchinson from Abbeytown has completed 35 years of service. Val has fed hundreds of children over the years, with home cooked school dinners and has no intention of hanging up her oven gloves any time soon. Staff, children and governors attended a special assembly where Val was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a certificate marking her wonderful achievement.



Val herself said "There has never been a day when she has not wanted to come to work, she enjoys seeing the children and loves her job."



Beetle by Chantel Hephherd from Nelson Thomlinson School

Silloth & District RNLI Fund-raising Branch

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RNLI Lifejacket Appeal

Volunteer Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) crews in the north of England will receive new state-of-the-art lifejackets in 2012 – and they are appealing for help to raise the £100,000 needed.

Lifeboat crews at the 33 lifeboat stations in the north are due to receive the innovative lifejackets in the coming months, at an average cost of around £3,000 per lifeboat station.

Incorporating the latest material technology, the new lifejackets have been designed by the RNLI and manufacturer Crewsaver specifically to meet the charity's search and rescue requirements and are a far cry from the original cork lifejackets invented by RNLI Inspector Captain Ward in 1854.

To help pay for these vital pieces of kit, the RNLI is appealing for help from the public. The charity will hold its biggest annual fund-raising day - SOS Day – on Friday 27th January and is asking supporters to target their efforts towards buying the new lifejackets. Silloth RNLI Quiz Night is in the Golf Hotel at 7:30pm

Andy Clift, RNLI Inspector, North, said: "The RNLI's volunteer lifeboat men and women often put themselves in difficult and dangerous situations while rescuing others. To help them carry out their role as safely as possible, we owe it to our crews to provide them with the very best equipment available. However, our charity is only able to do that with the generosity and support of the public, who I hope will do all they can to help us raise the funds needed to give our lifeboat volunteers new lifejackets in 2012."

The new lifejackets will provide a comfortable, secure



Above: Three volunteers in the new lifejackets
Below: Henry Freeman from Whitby with the 1880 model

fit, leading to increased efficiency and effectiveness in lifesaving. There are two designs, one to be worn on all-weather lifeboats and the other on inshore lifeboats. Crotch straps will prevent the lifejacket riding up over the head when in the water, and an integrated harness, designed to pull the lifejacket away from the wearer's neck, will allow greater freedom of movement during rescues. The lifejacket has zipped pockets for casualty care kit, torches, gloves or knives, and a spray hood to protect against sea spray.

Mr Clift added: "The RNLI has always endeavoured to advance and improve its safety equipment to keep pace with changing demands and technological developments. Since the middle of the nineteenth century, RNLI lifeboat volunteers have worn a variety of different lifejackets



and the design has evolved continuously from the original cork lifejacket which, in its day, was an innovative piece of kit. One of the early versions famously saved the life of Whitby's Henry Freeman in 1861 when his lifeboat capsized and, as the only member of the crew wearing a lifejacket, he was the sole survivor. These new lifejackets incorporate the best modern technology available.

To donate or for more information about RNLI SOS Day, please contact the RNLI on 0161 7878779 or log on to www.rnli.org.uk/sosday.

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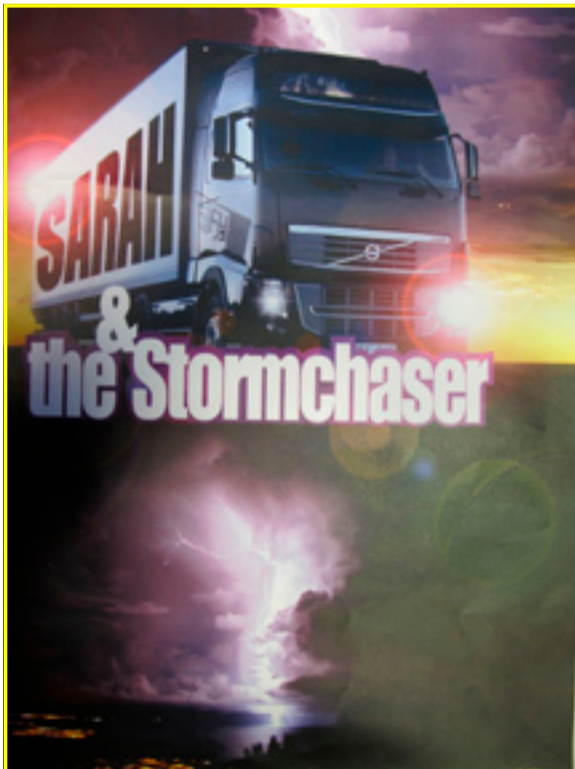
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Silloth Rainbow Singers



Report by: Gemma Pegram

On 6th December, First Silloth Rainbows visited Silloth Nursing Home to sing Christmas Carols to the residents.

The girls and the residents thoroughly enjoyed it. The girls sang some of the classics such as 'Away in a Manger' and 'Silent Night' as

well as some modern songs including actions.

The Rainbows particularly enjoyed their rendition of Jingle Bells using sleigh bells for props... so much so that they requested to sing it a second time. We would like to thank Silloth Nursing Home for allowing us to sing and for kindly

providing refreshments on the night.

Also a special thank you for all Silloth Library customers who have bought Gemma's hand-made cards in support of First Silloth Rainbows throughout the year. This money goes towards new craft materials and badges for the girls.

Events in Wigton Market Hall

Think Pink Fund-raising Evening - Friday 27th January @ 7pm, Food, drink & music in support of: Breast Cancer Care, Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust & Ovarian Cancer Action. Three-course meal, fully licensed bar, Raffle, Music by Caroline Mason, Cookery demonstration by John Crouch. Tickets: £10 (Available from Cafe Twelve62 @ The Market Hall & Toad Hall). Cumbrian Neet - Friday

10th February @ 6:30pm, Wigton's Market Charter is 750 years young! Come along & celebrate with a net of Cumbrian dialect, songs, poems, all with a tatty pot supper, Raffle & Lully licensed bar. Tickets: £6 (Including tatty pot supper), Doors open 6:30pm. Tickets available from Kath & Dennis on 016973 44919.

Live @ TM Presents No Soap No Radio on Saturday 24th March @ 7:30pm, No Soap No Radio's sound is a fascinating fusion of jazz,

blues and rock with an infusion of Latin grooves. Based in Cumbria, No Soap No Radio have been steadily building a loyal following for a number of years and are renowned for their electrifying live performances. Mark (vocals and guitar) is joined by long-time members Tim Appleby on bass and Paul Taylor on drums with lead guitarist Steve McCormick completing the line-up. Fully licensed bar. Tickets £5. Doors 7:30pm. To book call 016973 44555 or email rowena@nadtcommunity.com.

Footie Bee by Max from Silloth Primary School



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Public Meeting on Health Care in West Cumbria

A public meeting which was due to take place on 13 January about health care in West Cumbria has been rearranged to ensure that health bosses can attend to answer questions.

Councillor Alan Smith, Leader of Allerdale Borough Council, and MP's Tony Cunningham and Jamie Reed, agreed to rearrange the planned public meeting to ensure that Dr Neil Goodwin, Interim Chief Executive of North Cumbria University Hospitals, and Sue Page, Chief Executive of NHS Cumbria, will

be present to respond to questions from the public.

Councillor Alan Smith said: "We have tried to be helpful and done our utmost to accommodate the diaries of Dr Goodwin and Ms Page so that they can attend the meeting to answer questions on the quality of health care in West Cumbria. Ms Page has agreed to attend the meeting, accompanied by Dr David Rogers and Dr Fayyaz Chaudhri. However we understand that Dr Goodwin won't attend the meeting as he works part time and Friday is not one of

the days he works.

"Dr Goodwin did offer to meet me privately but it is not just me that needs answers; the people of Allerdale need them too. A public meeting is the ideal opportunity for people to raise their concerns about their local health care and get some answers about the future provision of health services in our area."

The public meeting will now take place at 7pm at the Wave Centre, Maryport on 3 February 2012. The public are invited to attend.

Causewayhead WI

Report by: Pat Froggatt

On 14th December Causewayhead WI held their AGM at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth. Members were welcomed by President, Olga Hetherington, who then opened proceedings with the General Business. She then presented two members with birthday cards. Correspondence was then read out and discussed.

A photograph was then shown to members of the unveiling of the plaque carved by Ernest Froggatt which depicted that the Discovery Centre Garden was maintained by Causewayhead WI. Members could view the photographs during the evening.

The AGM then took place.

Reports by the Secretary and President were then read to members - the Treasurer's Report had previously been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

During her report, Olga Hetherington, President, thanked members of the

committee for 2011 for all the work and support she had received during the year. She also thanked retiring members, Sue

Wilson, Brenda Dowdell and Margaret Crawford for the efforts and help they had given during their time on the Committee, and presented them with bottles of wine.

Cups were presented to the following: The General Competition Cup to Pat Froggatt; The Flower Cup to Audrey Dunbar and the Social Cup to Margaret Peach.

As the number of nominations was sufficient to fulfil all the places on the Committee a vote was not necessary. The new Committee is as follows: Olga Hetherington, Jean Vorley, Pat Bell, Pat Froggatt, Diana Shaw, Margaret Durham, Maureen Irving, Freda Garner, Marjorie Roberts, June Wilkinson & Jean Carr.

Members were then invited to partake of the supper which had been prepared by the Committee. This consisted of salad, hot potatoes, meats and various other types of salad followed by an assortment of cakes and mince pies. The whole evening proved to be a huge success.

The raffle was drawn and Margaret Crawford and Alice Anthony were the two lucky winners.



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Look After Your Mind and Body

Zumba teacher spreading her wings to look after mind and body

Jen van der Weide, one of Cumbria's longest established Zumba teachers, has retrained as a Neuro Linguistic Programming Master Practitioner and a Clinical Hypnotherapist so she can extend her services to help people look after mind as well as body.

Jen first became interested in NLP when she attended a management course where the trainer was using NLP techniques. She decided to become a Practitioner and then a Master Practitioner because she was intrigued by the power of words and the effect they can have on us.

Jen finished her studies at The Northern School of NLP then studied Clinical Hypnotherapy at the Awaken School. She has also taken an additional course in 'Virtual Gastric Band Hypnosis' and is now fully qualified, practicing throughout Cumbria.

Jen explained "We all know about the feel good factor of exercise and the saying 'a healthy body is a healthy mind' - it works both ways. I was first a Weight Watcher, then a Weight Watcher Leader, but I know now that the mind and body is a complete package and we have to take care of both. Sometimes it is good to realise that we are in need of a little help to achieve the best out of life.

Armed with skills to look after mind and body, I can help people understand their behaviour and with a little help, weight can be shifted, stress can be relieved, anxieties/phobias/pain can be managed."

Jen has already achieved some great successes with people trying to lose weight for years, and with others



who are suffering stress. Jen says "clients are telling me they are more confident and able to relax and those who tried losing weight before are now steadily losing weight but more importantly, feeling comfortable with their size, shape and who they are."

Losing weight is difficult at any given time and Jen believes that with a combination of Hypnotherapy (Virtual Gastric Band), understanding why it is that we eat too much and more understanding about food, combined with physical exercise is a winning combination.

Jen has practise spaces throughout Cumbria and even makes house calls to ensure clients are comfortable in their surroundings. She concludes "We only get one shot in this life and we have to make it count, living life to the fullest and remembering we do this in different ways - the way that suits us most."

Since starting her practice, Jen is continuing her development by studying Psychotherapy to widen the parameters in which she works.

For more information about the services she offers, call Jen on 07988 310958, email info@therapyjen.co.uk or visit her website www.therapyjen.co.uk.

What a Corker of a Conger!



Photo by: Siobhan Brennan

Ben and Dan Goodman found this Conger Eel washed up on the beach at Skinburness over the Christmas holidays

£208 Donation

Report by: Shelley Aird

Over the last few years Silloth Surgery have taken part in various fund-raising events for charities such as Children in Need, Red Nose Day and Jeans for Genes.

Each Christmas we choose a special charity to donate money too, in the past these have been Eden Valley Hospice, Cancer Research, Air Ambulance to name but a few. This year we choose Help for Heroes, throughout the month of December we have been on their behalf selling the official wristbands. With all staff and Doctors donating along with patients we have raised a huge £208. In total over the years we have raised over £2,000 we would like to take this opportunity to thank all patients for the support they have given in the past and hope they continue to do so.

£138 Raised for GNAA



Silloth Library would like to thank all those who attended their recent fund raising Christmas coffee morning.

A grand total of £138 was raised for the Great North Air Ambulance.

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Christ Church Crib Service



Report by:
Lawrence Marshall

The crib-service was very well attended on Christmas eve. The nativity scene was quite spectacular with church lights turned off. The children played their parts very well and baby Jesus in the crib was on his best behaviour.

The service was conducted by Canon Bryan Rothwell. Thanks to all who assisted in any way to this appreciated service.

Christ-church and St Pauls mens night.

The mens night was as popular as ever raising £810 for church funds. The rev

David Tembey introduced the evening and Canon Bryan Rothwell gave the vote of thanks at the end of this popular event.

The photo is of the Crib-service held at Christ-church on Christmas eve which was well attended by about 130 children parents and adults.

£3,124 RNLI Donation



Keith Millburn and his family (from Silloth) presenting a large cheque for £3120.24 to Silloth RNLI lifeboat station

Report by: Sue Kent
Lifeboat Press Officer

Silloth RNLI lifeboat station recently received a massive boost to their funds from a local Silloth man and his family.

Keith Millburn of Eden Street, Silloth, together with other truck enthusiasts, organised a sponsored Truck run from John O'Groats to Lands End in July last year.

Keith and the rest of the group set off from John

O'Groats on the 29th July 2011, escorted by a piper and motorcyclists in front of the convoy and arrived in Lands End 5 days later. They stayed at various places en route including Perth, Gretna, Ludlow, Weston-Super-Mare and Sennen Cove. Keith said 'It was an absolutely fantastic trip and I had a smashing time. I am thrilled with the outcome.'

A magnificent amount

of over £12,000 was raised in total from the event, of which half the proceeds went to MacMillan Cancer Care and the other half was split between Silloth and Thurso RNLI lifeboat stations.

A tremendous amount of hard work and effort was put into the organising of this charity truck run and a big thank you must go to Keith from all at Silloth RNLI lifeboat station.

A Seal for Christmas?

On the evening of the 23rd December, Harbour Master Ed Deeley spotted a seal lying on the sand at the dock entrance. On closer inspection it appeared to be injured, so a call to Beacon Veterinary was made.

Local vet Tom Henderson quickly made his way to the port, and after a short chase on foot Tom and Ed had the seal caught. Tom identified it as a pup, having most likely been separated from its mother by the recent storms. It was soon in the back of the vets van and on its way to Aspatria surgery for medical treatment. Tom decided to name it 'Rudolph' and I think staff at Beacon vets deserve a big thank you from 'Rudolph' for giving their time over the Christmas period to feed and treat him!

Rudolph has been referred down to the RSPCA seal rescue centre in Cheshire (strange place for a seal rescue centre?). Tom spoke to the British Marine Diving Rescue charity and they gave him some advice on treatment and approximate age - 3 months

- much too early to be weaned from Mum.

Mr Henderson said: "I've been in continuing correspondence with the RSPCA at Stapely Grange in Cheshire, and it sounds like Rudolph has been feeding well, although it still requires restraining when fed via stomach tubing with a fish puree. They're hoping to get it into well-enough condition to be moved onto a seaside facility where they can prepare it for release into the wild."

Hopefully they'll be able to bottle rear him and then eventually set him free - but you might be able to monitor him on their website.

Mr Henderson added:



"I've been revisiting my exotics handbooks and I was correct when I suggested they're very similar to dogs without legs, as they are particularly susceptible to distemper, one of the viruses which we routinely vaccinate dogs (and ferrets) for. Potentially an infected seal could be contagious to a dog, and vice versa, not that we are suspicious in this case. Most wild seals carry a large worm burden, of which our baby seal seemed to be suffering as well."

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We would like to thank those people who have come forward already and a very big thank you to all the volunteers current and past for giving their time to support the Solway Buzz.

Contact us on 016973 32180.

How else can you help? Well, there are many clubs and organisations who do not report anything about what they do. To help clarify matters, there are no charges for any announcements or articles to be put into the Solway Buzz from non commercial organisations. We are delighted to receive your information and will include as much of it as space permits. The costs of producing the Buzz are covered by the advertising, so, if you are running a business, please support the

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Winter Warmth Fund

Cumbria Community Foundation's Winter Warmth Fund has now raised an incredible £163,280 to help people stay warm in the winter.

More than £37,000 has been donated by generous older people who gave part or all of their Winter Fuel Payment from the Government to help others in greater need. The rest came from a successful bid to the Department of Health for a slice of the £20m 'Warm Homes Healthy People Fund'. The bid for the extra Warm Homes Healthy People Fund money was made jointly by the Cumbria Affordable Warmth Partnership which is made up of Cumbria County Council, NHS Cumbria and a number of other voluntary and statutory organisations. This funding can only be used for specific revenue projects that don't overlap with the existing Warm Front project, like refurbishing boilers, social housing, low energy lighting repairs, maintenance, like for like replacement and emergency repairs.

Andy Beeforth, Director of Cumbria Community

Foundation, said: "Our Winter Warmth Fund has grown beyond my wildest expectations thanks to our successful bid for the extra 'one-off' Government money. We'll be able to help more older people than last year. The money donated by individuals and businesses has been set aside just for older people, the rest is open to other vulnerable groups. We're now asking people who meet our criteria to get in touch so we can help them."

How do you apply? Individuals and families can apply for a grant - the aim is to reduce the number of excess winter deaths and numbers of people living in cold homes across Cumbria

You must either:

1. be over 60
2. have at least one child under 5
3. have a chronic underlying health condition, particularly respiratory or coronary, or
4. have a disability particularly affected by cold weather and receive
 - State pension and/or Pension Credit only
 - Income related Employment and Support Allowance that includes

a work-related activity or support component

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or
- Disability Living Allowance and struggle to maintain a basic acceptable standard of living during the winter due to the cost of heating your home.

How much can you apply for?

The normal grant is £125 or £250 in exceptional circumstances. If you would like to apply to this fund please contact one of the following:

If you are over 60: Age UK West Cumbria (Allerdale and Copeland): Christine Timney 01946 66669 or 08443 843843.

If you have vulnerable children under 5: North Allerdale, Carlisle, Eden and South Lakeland: Barnardo's: Richard Simpson 01900 816164.

If not in the above categories (health and disability): David Andrews at Cumbria Community Foundation: 01900 825760, david@cumbriafoundation.org, www.cumbriafoundation.org.

Buzz Cute Kids Photo Competition

From Birth to 11 Years Prizes Totalling £975

To enter, bring your child on Saturday 24th or Sunday 25th March for a totally FREE Portrait Session in a special studio (location not confirmed yet) with all photos taken by Photography by Peter free of charge

PRIZES

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A voucher for goods from Solway Kitchen & Cookware to the value of £25.

A meal at the Silloth Cafe to the value of £20.

A voucher from JumboParties.co.uk for party products to the value of £25.

A meal from Wheyrigg Hall Hotel to the value of £50.

A pack of professional hair products supplied by Hair at Home to the value of £35.

Childrens ice cream birthday cakes from the Ice Cream Factory, two prizes, each to the value of £20.

A voucher worth £50 for a Sunday evening meal at Ye Old Greyhound Inn, Bromfield plus transport by Solway Private Hire, total value £80.

Goods from JayBee's to the value of £20.

Portrait session by Photography by Peter and a framed 12" x 8" print from that session, four prizes, each to the value of £74.

Products from C&D Supplies to the value of £20.

A Spray Tan from Top2Toe to the value of £21.

A meal in Johns Plaice Restaurant to the value of £20.

Products from W. Kirkup Butchers to the value of £25.

A voucher for products from Winters Newsagents to the value of £25.

There are no cash alternatives to these prizes. Prizes must be redeemed by end of June 2012. Restrictions may apply to vouchers. Please note: all unclaimed prizes from 2011 have now lapsed and are no longer valid.

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- Stanwix Park Holiday Centre
- The Golf Hotel
- The Ice Cream Factory
- Top2Toe
- W. Kirkup Butcher
- Wheyrigg Hall Hotel
- Winters Newsagents

Sponsors Wanted

Does your business want to get involved by sponsoring a prize?

The Solway Buzz will be delighted to hear from you, call Peter on 016973 32180.

The next edition of the Buzz will have further information regarding location and session times.

Meanwhile, put the 24th & 25th March 2012 in your diary now.

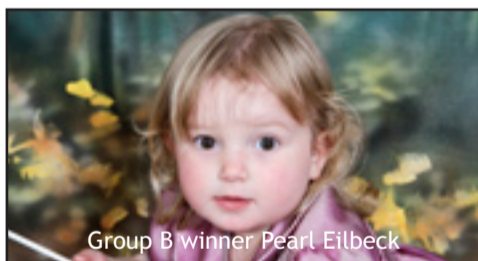
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A Family at War

By Arthur Todd

Well, lets get on with the war, lets pay a visit to Mount Chico this is the name of a small mountain which we of the 1st Infantry Division were ordered to take.

We sat at the bottom of the said feature waiting to make our assault, wondering what was the cause of our sitting there in the pouring rain, when to our complete surprise our stretcher bearers appeared on the scene carrying a headless body to be buried somewhere. Sgt. Pendlebury got a queer shock, I saw the colour drain from his cheeks and I thought to myself there's something going to happen to him. So up the Chico mountain we climbed in the dark wondering what we should find up there. Well, in the dark I managed to find a trench and guess who was standing outside of my trench, a Gerry officer with his men having a right old conflag, how did I know that they were Germans and not our own troops, well because I was so near to them that I could have touched them if I had wanted to and they were talking. How do you say 'yes' in german 'Ja Ja' they were so busy talking that they never gave a thought about me. My slit trench was quite fully armed with Mills bombs (hand grenades) so I just quickly rolled them amongst them, it was a sight to see them bolting like rabbits. Daylight came and we were made aware of the down to earth situation, across the Chico mountain top was a German sniper who was a crack shot. He got a bead on me and bang his bullet pitched in front of my face the dirt from it blinded me, so I shouted to Neeves my comrade in our slit trench to see if he could get a shot at him so he had a try, as a result he was clipped in the head and needed hospital treatment. So stretcher bearers came up, it was during the time when we and the German enemy decided to hold a truce to bury our dead and move our wounded, agreed upon by



both sides.

Sgt. Pendlebury got wounded in his neck, Pte. Reeves a head injury, killed were Sgt Adams and a Private of the Duke of Wellingtons Regiment and other casualties, so the truce went on till almost dark, then all hell opened up.

I was in the slit trench on my own that night when the shelling cooled off a bit. I was listening for any movement when a voice was heard by me, it was a german voice, he was shouting "commerad" so I let our officer know about things and I asked him if he would like me to bring him in. He said yes, so I went for him and another surprise awaited me, in the middle of no mans land I met up with this German soldier and lo and behold he was a 'Square Head', they used to say they were square heads but I never thought I would ever see one. This lad was a proper 'Square Head'. We took him prisoner. For you the war is over, was what the Germans used to say to our troops

who were taken prisoner. I wonder if there is any square head Englishmen?

Next day I met up with our Brigadier, he was crawling on his belly and I was in a forward trench at the time and he speaks to me asking where-about is the enemy? I said "he's there" pointing to a German tin hat about four or five yards from me. The Brigadier said "what am I doing here?" I said "I don't know" but his parting word to me was I'll see you get relieved soon. Away he scuttled over the top of Mt. Chico and he was as good as his word. That's the beauty of having Brigadiers who keep their word.

Getting relieved wasn't as easy as that though. Our troops were sent up to relieve



I noticed on TV a programme about the film 'War Horse'. My father Bill Todd fought in the 1st World War as a Royal Field Artilleryman using his horses to pull the guns into position. He fought in the Battle of Mons and received a serious head injury which caused him to be blinded for a short period of time. He fought the rest of his war on the Italian front, going under the code name 'Foot-Sloggers', finishing the war in 1947. He returned to Silloth to be employed by Carrs Flour Milling Industries.

us and I still hadn't got rid of my German sniper trouble.

Guess what happened! My bren gun which I had whilst taking aim at my enemy sniper jammed, so I saw my Duke of Wellington soldier who was dead had no more use of his gun, so I took it. It became my proudest possession for the rest of the war.

Up those lads came to relieve us, hell, they didn't know what trouble they were getting into, perhaps it's just as well. This young lad crawls in beside me, as he crawled he had his head in the air, of course our sniper foe couldn't let a chance like that pass could he now? He shot him in the head. Well, this was my way of getting out of a tight corner, if I should turn my back on my sniper foe I was a dead, dead man. I'll tell you something honourable about our sniper foe and that was he didn't

fire upon stretcher bearers and that meant my life.

When the young soldier who was sent to relieve me got shot in his head I called the stretcher bearers to carry him out of the line and I helped the bearers to carry him out of the line.

In about that time they said to me that I had been awarded with the Military Medal which I never received. A sad, sad mistake. I wish I had not got to know about it but the war was still being fought and I wasn't sure whether I was going to live through it. So 'san fairy Anne' was my attitude, they can keep their medals. A lot of fighting there was to do and to be done.

From the Italian campaign to Palestine and wondering if the Burma war

was my next field of battle, but no the big bomb changed all that and so by the year 1947 I was discharged.

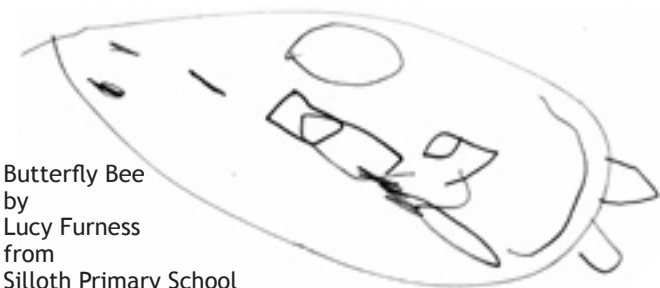
So the family at war was over and we were changed into softies today. I think of Afghanistan and our brave young warriors who have paid the highest possible price that mankind can pay.

How many years has this evil madness gone on. Since before my father went to war also my dear mother. There will one day be an end to this evil, when Satan is cast into his pit, his bottomless pit and man will live in peace with his fellow man. When the Lord Jesus christ will show us how to live in peace with each other. Come quickly Lord Jesus we certainly need you.

Amen, and so be it.



Hero Bee by Ryan Millican from Silloth Primary School



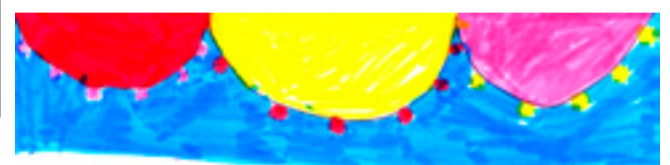
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Emily by Emily from Silloth



Buzz Buzz by Scott Wilson from Abbeytown



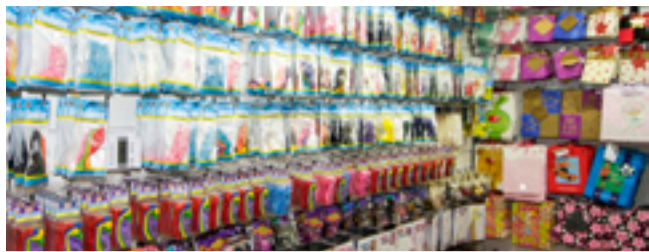
Loolo by Courtney



Catbee by Kaysie Henderson from Silloth Primary School

Take a Look at Jumbo Parties

"Oh my word, we never knew all this was down here!"
 "This is brilliant"
 "It's good to finally have something like this in Silloth"
 "I'm gonna tell everyone"
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Record Attendance at the Carnegie

Attendance Figures At The Carnegie

The Carnegie Theatre in Workington has announced the best set of Pantomime attendance figures achieved since the late 1970's.

A total of 3,461 customers viewed 12 pantomime performances at the Theatre over the Christmas period. Eight performances of Sleeping Beauty presented by Workington and District Amateur Musical Society attracted 2548 visitors and four schools performances of Cinderella presented by the professional London-based Panto Company attracted 913 primary schoolchildren and their teachers.

Primary schools attending Cinderella included Thornhill,

Westfield, Blennerhasset, Montreal (Cleator Moor), Broughton Moor, St. Joseph's (Frizington), Flimby, Netherton, Silloth, St. Gregory's (Moorclose), St. Michael's (Workington) and Lowca.

Carnegie Theatre Manager Paul Sherwin explained that the schools pantomime business had been growing steadily over the past four years.

"Local people are obviously looking for quality performances at affordable prices and without having to travel too far" he said. "We are already in discussions regarding a proposed increase in the number of Pantomime performances to be held at the Carnegie Theatre for Christmas 2012" he added.

Plaques on Silloth Green Benches

Does anyone have any information regarding the benches on Silloth Green that have memorial plaques?

The project board for the Heritage Lottery Fund refurbishment are keen to know if there are any relatives they can contact to ensure that any renovation to benches on the Green is done with their agreement.

If you can help, please contact Chris Graham of Friends of the Green: Home 016973 31698 Mobile 07799 067675.

Competition Win 2 Tickets to see Celtic Dream and meet the Cast



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The Celtic Dream show is coming to Workington soon and the Solway Buzz are offering one lucky winner the opportunity to win a pair of tickets for the show at the Carnegie Theatre on 19th April, as well as the chance to meet and chat with the cast. (There is no cash alternative).

To be in with a chance of winning simply answer the following question: "Which country is also known as the Emerald Isle?" Only one entry per household.

For more information please visit www.celtic-dream.com.

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Your Name, Address and Telephone Number

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date.

Dates for the Diary

January 2012

27th RNLI Quiz Night in
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teams of four
28th Burns Night in the
Golf Hotel, Tel: 016973 31438

February

1st Solway Parkinson's
Group meeting in WHEYRIGG
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,
contact 016973 52527, speaker
John Kane, Living with
Parkinson's
2nd Skinburness Residents
Association meeting in
Chichester Hall at 7:30pm
3rd Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
3rd Public meeting on
Health Care in West Cumbria
at 7pm in the Wave Centre,
Maryport
6th Silloth Town Council
meeting at 7pm in Community
Hall, Petteril Street
7th Criffel Tea Dance in
Solway Community Technology
College from 1:45 to 3:45pm
8th West Cumbria
Managing Radioactive Waste
Partnership public meeting in
Wigton Market Hall from 1-7pm
11th Crunch Service at
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 9am to 11am
14th Valentines Night in
Golf Hotel, Tel: 016973 31438
14th Holme Low Parish
Council meeting at 7:30pm in
Silloth Community Hall,
Petteril Street, Silloth
15th Pantomime 'The
Wizard of Oz' in Culterham
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16th Pantomime 'The
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17th Pantomime 'The
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18th Pantomime 'The
Wizard of Oz' in Culterham
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21st Criffel Tea Dance in
Solway Community Technology
College from 1:45 to 3:45pm
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25th Firefighters
Fundraiser Charity Night in
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March

2nd Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
2nd Country Music
weekend at Stanwix Park
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3rd Battle of the Bands in
Silloth Rugby Club @ 7pm
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3rd Country Music
weekend at Stanwix Park
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4th Country Music
weekend at Stanwix Park
Tel: 016973 32666
5th Silloth Town Council
meeting at 7pm in Community
Hall, Petteril Street
6th Criffel Tea Dance in
Solway Community Technology
College from 1:45 to 3:45pm

March cont'd

7th Solway Parkinson's
Group meeting in WHEYRIGG
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,
contact 016973 52527, listen to
the Hospice Choir
10th Crunch Service at
Skinburness Road Car Park
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10th Battle of the Bands in
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18th Mothering Sunday at
Golf Hotel, Tel: 016973 31438
20th Criffel Tea Dance in
Solway Community Technology
College from 1:45 to 3:45pm
24th Table Top Sale in
Wigton Market Hall 10 to 2pm,
£8 per table, T: 016973 44555
24th Buzz Cute Kids Photo
Competition session to be
confirmed
25th Buzz Cute Kids Photo
Competition session to be
confirmed
31st Battle of the Bands in
Carnegie Theatre @ 7pm
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April

2nd Silloth Town Council
meeting at 7pm in Community
Hall, Petteril Street
4th Solway Parkinson's
Group meeting in WHEYRIGG
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,
contact 016973 52527, speaker
Vivienne Coleman, Pencil
Drawing, Talk and have a go
6th Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
10th Criffel Tea Dance in
Westnewton Village Hall
from 1:45 to 3:45pm
24th Criffel Tea Dance in
Solway Community Technology
College from 1:45 to 3:45pm
28th Table Top Sale in
Wigton Market Hall 10 to 2pm,
£8 per table, T: 016973 44555
29th Kids in Cumbria
Families Day at Solway
Community Technology College
from 11am to 3pm

May

2nd Solway Parkinson's
Group meeting in WHEYRIGG
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,
contact 016973 52527, speaker
Harry King from Radio Cumbria
4th Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
8th Criffel Tea Dance in
Westnewton Village Hall
from 1:45 to 3:45pm
8th Holme Low Parish
Council meeting at 7:30pm in
Silloth Community Hall,
Petteril Street, Silloth
14th Silloth Town Council
meeting at 7pm in Community
Hall, Petteril Street

June

1st Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
2nd Queens Jubilee
Celebrations on Silloth Green
3rd Queens Jubilee
Celebrations on Silloth Green
4th Queens Jubilee
Celebrations on Silloth Green
4th Queens Jubilee
Beacon being lit in Silloth today
6th Solway Parkinson's
Group meeting in WHEYRIGG
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,
contact 016973 52527, speaker
Rachel Wilson, Speech &
Language Therapist
11th Silloth Town Council
meeting at 7pm in Community
Hall, Petteril Street
16th Silloth Vintage Rally
17th Silloth Vintage Rally

July

2nd Silloth Town Council
meeting at 7pm in Community
Hall, Petteril Street
4th Solway Parkinson's
Group meeting in WHEYRIGG
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,
contact 016973 52527, speaker
Richard Spiers, Along the
Solway
6th Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
28th Silloth Kite Festival
28th Abbeytown Carnival
29th Silloth Kite Festival
30th English Golf Union
Amateur Championship at
Silloth on Solway Golf Club
31st English Golf Union
Amateur Championship at
Silloth on Solway Golf Club

August

1st Solway Parkinson's
Group meeting in WHEYRIGG
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,
contact 016973 52527, speaker
Ruth Greenhalgh, Clinical
Psychologist
1st English Golf Union
Amateur Championship at
Silloth on Solway Golf Club
2nd English Golf Union
Amateur Championship at
Silloth on Solway Golf Club
3rd English Golf Union
Amateur Championship at
Silloth on Solway Golf Club
3rd Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
4th English Golf Union
Amateur Championship at
Silloth on Solway Golf Club
14th Holme Low Parish
Council meeting at 7:30pm in
Silloth Community Hall,
Petteril Street, Silloth
27th Silloth Carnival

September

3rd Silloth Town Council
meeting at 7pm in Community
Hall, Petteril Street
5th Solway Parkinson's
Group meeting in WHEYRIGG
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,
contact 016973 52527, speaker
Averil Dawson, Down Memory
Lane

September

6th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival
7th Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
7th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival
8th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival
9th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival

October

1st Silloth Town Council
meeting at 7pm in Community
Hall, Petteril Street
3rd Solway Parkinson's
Group meeting in WHEYRIGG
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,
contact 016973 52527, speaker
on Parkinson's Research
5th Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am

November

2nd Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
5th Silloth Town Council
meeting at 7pm in Community
Hall, Petteril Street
7th Solway Parkinson's
Group meeting in WHEYRIGG
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,
contact 016973 52527, speaker
Carol Purves, Chinese Whispers
8th Holme Low Parish
Council meeting at 7:30pm in
Silloth Community Hall,
Petteril Street, Silloth
9th Country Music
weekend at Stanwix Park
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10th Country Music
weekend at Stanwix Park
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11th Country Music
weekend at Stanwix Park
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16th Rock Weekender at
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17th Rock Weekender at
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18th Rock Weekender at
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23rd Soul Weekender at
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24th Soul Weekender at
Stanwix Park Tel: 016973 32666
25th Soul Weekender at
Stanwix Park Tel: 016973 32666

December

3rd Silloth Town Council
meeting at 7pm in Community
Hall, Petteril Street
5th Solway Parkinson's
Group meeting in WHEYRIGG
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,
contact 016973 52527, speaker
Christmas Dinner
7th Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am

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Date**



Letters

Dear Buzz,
I have to write and say how much I am enjoying the 'Family at War' articles by Arthur Todd. As a child of the same generation as Arthur, I can relate to what he is describing, so well and so vividly!
I was especially touched by his reference to his mother, and all the mothers involved in that awful conflict. These ladies were in the background and had to put up with a very hard way of life, trying to feed and clothe children in those dark days was far from easy, and for those mothers whose children were evacuated it must have been terrible to be parted from them. Arthur describes his mother as a "warrior" (without a battle dress) and she "and every blessed one of them" had hearts full of LOVE which they gave "without a murmur" How true that was - I can well remember my own mother struggling to deal with rationing, and not seeing my father, who was in the army, for six long years.
Arthur talks about the futility of war and I am sure we would all agree with that!!
Well done, Arthur, and may you long continue to enthral us with your memoirs.

June Wilkinson

Dear Buzz,
Jackie and Jenny would like to say a BIG Thank-You to Solway Community Technology College for enabling them to start their Day Nursery "Jelly Tots".
Without their kindness and help we would still be looking for somewhere to go. The staff have all been very friendly and helpful especially Mrs Lois Baird, the Head of the school. They have fitted a new toilet for us and are going to fence off our own play area when the weather permits.
Also, we would like to

thank the local people who are supporting us by using our nursery on a regular basis. We are building up a good clientele but still have a few spaces available should any one be interested.
We would like to thank Mr Lawrence Marshall also for being our first official Santa at our first Christmas party.
And lastly but not least we would like to thank Mrs Alison Henderson for kindly buying us an outside shed where we can store our outside equipment and parents can leave their buggy's and prams.
Thanks to everyone for their kindness and Happy New Year to one and all.

Jackie McCormick and Jenny Burns

Dear Buzz,
I wish to say thank you to everyone who sent me cards and gifts during my eight days in hospital. Special thanks to my friend Joan for her quick action, Lorna (First Responders), and Elsie for her daily phone calls. Also to the two lovely ambulance men for their care, my sister Mary and niece Carole for staying at the hospital with me, and to my marvellous family for their care of me.

Wilma Little

Dear Buzz,
Can anyone help with the following, I am looking to join a line dancing group and I would be interested in joining a singing for pleasure group in or around Silloth. I can be contacted via the Solway Buzz.

Valerie Lodge

Dear Buzz,
The Space Ltd (Silloth Community Hall) is a Not For Profit Community Social Enterprise. It is there for the people of Silloth, the surrounding area and visitor's to the

Misuse of Life Belts

Allerdale Borough Council is warning of the dangers of misusing the life belts. There have been reports to Workington Police over recent weeks, following the four life belts at Harrington Harbour being thrown into the sea by youths.

Councillor Barbara Cannon, Chair of Harrington Harbour and Dock Board, said: "Life belts and heaving lines have had to be replaced by Allerdale Borough Council within the last month alone at a cost of about £120. If anyone had the misfortune of falling into the Harbour and there were no life belts at hand, the consequences could be dire.

"I would urge parents and teachers to educate the children in their care about the dangers of not having a life belt when needed. Children and adults alike also need to be made aware

of the dangers of going onto the pier in stormy conditions.

"We have experienced some very stormy weather of late and anyone being too close to the sea in those conditions are risking their lives. We have erected a sign at the entrance of the pier warning people of the dangers but it is being ignored."

Inspector Mark Wear, from the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Workington, said: "These acts of antisocial behaviour are mindless and those responsible are not thinking of the consequences of their actions. These life belts are emergency equipment and are needed to help anyone who gets into difficulty. We are investigating the incidents and ask members of the public to contact us if they have seen anyone tampering with the life belts to get in contact with us."



Emma
by Paige Armstrong
from Pennine Way Primary School

town and surrounding area. We are working to encourage/develop more group's using the hall on regular basis. For example: Ladies Coffee Morning's and the Men's Club (male version of the WI).
Anyone interested in becoming involved in helping to organise a group, please contact me.

Clive Firth
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clivewoodcarver@aol.com

Springtime Reads

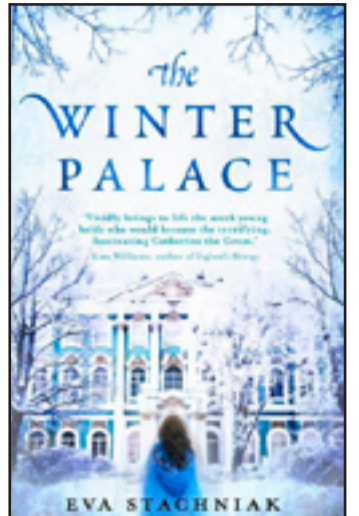
Why not curl up with a good book?

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The Winter Palace by Eva Stachniak

Set in the Court of Empress Elizabeth of Russia, this beguiling tale begins when orphan Vavara joins the imperial household and is swept into the role of royal spy for the Chancellor of Russia. He shows Vavara secret corridors and spy holes within the palace; how to open locked drawers and private mail and report back to him. As she hones her skills, Elizabeth herself expects Vavara to become her eyes and ears.

The most important lesson Vavara will learn is how to survive the ever-changing political allegiances. When Princess Sophie of Anhalt-Zerbst arrives in St Petersburg to meet her heir to the throne, Vavara is instructed by the Empress to become Sophie's "friend." They find unlikely



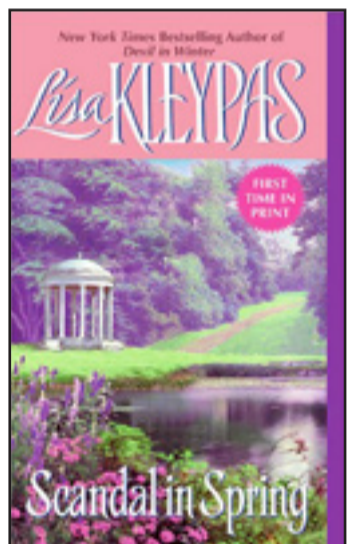
companionship and their relationship blossoms into what Vavara mistakenly accepts as true friendship. This beautiful story is woven around real life events which leave you praying that Vavara survives the transformation of Sophie as she flourishes into who we know as Catherine the Great.

A wonderful read

Scandal in Spring by Lisa Kleypas

Daisy is the whimsical wallflower, always away with her nose stuck in a book. Her father, getting fed up with her failure to snag a husband, issues an ultimatum - find one quickly, or he'll see to it that she marries Matthew Swift, his protégé in business.

Naturally, Daisy isn't happy about this and her sister Lillian adds her very vocal condemnations of Mr Swift...but wouldn't you know it? When Mr Swift turns up at the house party at the Westcliffs, he is no longer quite as odious as Daisy remembers...and unbeknownst to Daisy, he has been yearning for her for years, although he cannot



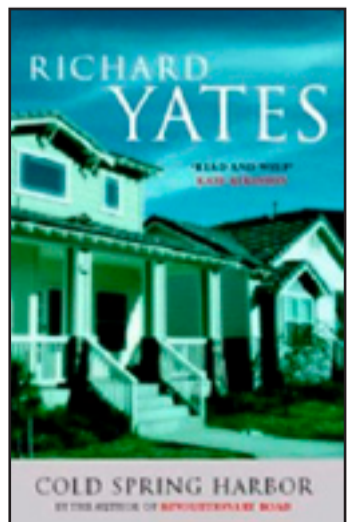
give into that yearning due to a dark secret from his past. With the two of them thrown together at the house party, can they both fight the growing attraction between them?

Will this love story have a happy ending?

Cold Spring Harbour by Richard Yates

When the Shepard's car breaks down in New York City, it sets into motion a chain of events that will transform the lives of the beautiful, if not stupid, Evan Shepard, as well as that of his doomed lover Rachel. It is only when they try every avenue of escape that they realise that all paths lead back to the small town of Cold Spring Harbor.

All the sorrows of Evan Shepard's loutish adolescence were redeemed at seventeen, in 1935, when he fell in love with automobiles... In the small suburban town of Cold Spring Harbor, Evan Shephard and his young



bride Rachel yearn to escape the mistakes of their parents. But as they discover, families exert a hold as tight as fate, and every way out only ends up back home.

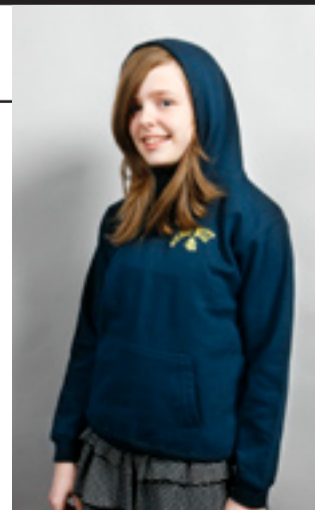
A vintage classic

Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and £5 Gift Voucher. So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Send them in to the address on this page and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.

This month the winner is **Bethany Daisy Mitchell** from **Holm Cultram Abbey School** with a bee called "Jedward Bees".

Well done!



You don't have to be at school here to send a bee to us. If you are here on holiday we would love to receive your bee drawing, just tell us your name, where you are from and where you are staying. You will find our address on page 4.

Mothers Union New Year Party

23 Members of Wigton St. Mary's Mother Union met in The Spotted Cow Restaurant for their New Year Party.

Margaret Peddar welcomed everyone and read a Scottish Poem then Rev. Brian Peddar said the Grace. A delicious meal was served which all enjoyed and a draw took place then a Yuletide Quiz was given out. After much laughter Anne Poole guessed most answers but everyone received a small prize.

Margaret, helped by Helen Armstrong then passed around with 'Santa's Sack' filled with presents each member had brought. Gladys was thanked for producing the Quiz and Helen was thanked for organizing the evening.

All went home happy after a lovely friendly evening.

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Seagulls Flying High



Report by: Gareth Lewis

The Seagulls suffered only their second league defeat of the season after a controversial 5-2 loss at home to Windscale, but still stayed top of Tesco Division One.

Silloth were well aware of the need for a big performance in this top of the table clash and they were superb in the first half. The Seagulls passing football was in full flow as they exploited space all over the park. Two well taken goals from Adam Carr was scant reward for a half that Silloth dominated, but they were firmly in control of the match.

It was the events at half time that turned the fixture on its head and left a bitter taste in the mouths of the Seagulls' players. The referee initially refused to restart the match due to a problem with the Silloth team sheet. After consulting with the County League Secretary the referee was advised to continue with the game and allow Andy Hardman (over whose name on the team sheet the problem had arisen) to play the rest of the game. Unfortunately, the referee ignored this and forced the Seagulls to substitute Hardman before he would allow the second half to proceed.

In the face of this setback and with the possibility of being docked three points no

matter what the outcome of the match it is little wonder that Silloth let the result slip away from them. You cannot fault the attitude and commitment of the Seagulls' players as they lost to their nearest rivals in very disappointing circumstances. Man of the match was Adam Carr who once again showed his quality when playing up front.

The Seagulls then got their title challenge back on track with a comprehensive 6-2 victory over St Bees Reserves.

The Silloth players knew a big performance was required after defeat in their top of the table clash with Windscale and the lads did not disappoint. The Seagulls went on the attack straight from the kick-off, exploiting the space out wide and keeping the opposition pinned in their own half. Wingers Paul Glencross and Adam Carr were both

outstanding and, along with Andy Hardman, were at the heart of all Silloth's superb attacking football. The Seagulls created a hat full of chances in the first half and scored five goals, although this could have been more if it hadn't been for the efforts of the St Bees' keeper.

Silloth took their foot off the gas in the second half, but were still able to fashion some excellent scoring opportunities. By the end of the game the Seagulls had run out comfortable 6-2 winners, with manager John Slack relieved to see his team get back to winning ways. Goalscorers were Andy Hardman with a hat-trick, Andy Hinde 2 and Mark Glencross with a powerful header.

Man of the match was Calvin Rowell who is becoming a pivotal player for Silloth with the quality of his performances at both centre midfield and left-back.



Rockstar Bee by Jordan Boydell from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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Silloth AFC Xmas Party

Report by: Gareth Lewis

On Boxing Day Silloth A.F.C. held its Christmas party in the Rugby Club and it was a huge success. Entertainment was provided by Graham Brown and the Eric Stanwix Disco Road Show, who kept the party rocking into the early hours of the morning!

I'd like to thank our friends at Silloth Rugby Club who were once again fantastic hosts and thanks to Graham and Eric for the great music. Finally I'd like to say a massive thank you to everybody who showed their support for the football club, bought a ticket and joined in the party fun. I hope you all had a great time!

Also, on the night the winning tickets of the Silloth AFC Christmas raffle were drawn out. Congratulations to all the prize winners including legendary Seagull Chris Walsh who won the top prize of a 32" LCD TV! Prize winners are listed below -

1. LCD TV - Chris Walsh, Silloth.
2. PS3 - Michelle Henderson, Westnewton.
3. Kindle - Mary Rowell, Carlisle.
4. Camera - J Peacock,

Silloth.

5. Bottle of Morgans Spiced - Abbie Ireland, Silloth.

6. Case of Magners - Robbie Carter, Silloth.

7. Victoria Biscuits - J Middleton, Saltcotes.

8. Bottle of Smirnoff Vodka - Yvonne Donald, Silloth.

9. Bottle of Wine - Dave P, Silloth.

10. Bottle of Kumala Wine - Mary Rowell, Carlisle.

11. Box of Miniature Heroes - J Stanford, Silloth.

12. Milk Tray - L Rudd, Cockermonth.

13. Kate Moss Perfume - Cally Martin, Silloth.

14. Bottle of Red Wine - John Slack, Silloth.

15. DVDs - J Stanford, Silloth.

16. Box of Fragrances - Sarah Foster, Fletchertown.

17. Bottle of White Wine - Graham Little.

18. Bottle of Old Git - Kev Snodden, Iggesund.

19. Bottle of Chardonnay - David Bell, Innovia.

20. Box of Miniature Whiskey - Ryan Hanley, Abbeytown.

If you haven't got your prize yet don't worry as our Club Chairman Eric Telford will be contacting you asap!

I'd like to say a big thank you to Eric Telford

Abbeytown Indoor Bowls

Report by: Gladys Temple

Wigton Indoor Bowling Club welcomed Abbeytown to the West Street Club. Rita Fell organized the games and we had the usual format of 5 games of 4 matches before supper and the same after supper.

The raffle winners for Wigton were Alan Rudd, Hannah Mossop, Shirley Atkinson and Evelyn Hutton while the lucky winners for Abbeytown were Yvonne Annall, Joyce Wilson, Michael Faulkner, Alan Litt and John Crawford.

Michael thanked Wigton for a very friendly evening and a delicious supper but unfortunately the score was Wigton 55 Abbeytown 20.

We look forward to getting our revenge when they come to Abbeytown this year.

for organising the raffle and obtaining some superb prizes. Also huge thanks to the Balmoral, Winter's, Co-op Pharmacy, the Rugby Club and JayBee's who all donated prizes, and to everybody that bought a ticket. Thank you all very much and on behalf of Silloth AFC I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

New Kickboxing Club

Dale Whyld has started a new kickboxing club in Silloth.

This will be aimed at the youth of Silloth and surrounding areas. Adults and juniors will of course be welcome. The club will be held at Christ Church Missionary Hall every Thursday night from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Dale hopes the club will grow in numbers during the winter months, if it gets busy



enough he will most likely extend the training sessions times or run a separate venue on another night so no-one will miss the opportunity to

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Tennis Mini Red Tour

The first leg of the brand new West Cumbria Mini Red Tour got off to a great start during the Christmas break as 24 young players flocked to Silloth to show off their range of impressive tennis skills.

With players from all over Cumbria it was Carlisle's Liam Short and Maryport's Caitlin Almond who emerged victorious with final wins over Silloth's Max Paton and Maryport's Terezia Holecova respectively with Carlisle's Cameron Carter edging out Seaton's Scott Jones and Abigail Mossop winning an all Silloth final in the consolation events.

It was a great start to the series of competitions which now moves onto Maryport on January the 8th and is



Clockwise from top: Silloth competitors Liam Short and Max Paton Sophie Graham and Abigail Mossop

followed by three events in the Workington area which culminates in a grand final at the end of March when the top eight boys and top eight girls will fight it out for the inaugural title.



Anna Picked for County



Report by: Rachel Fleming

Anna Middleton of Holm Cultram Abbey Primary School, has been asked to play badminton for the County!

Anna began playing badminton in year five and has recently attended Holm Cultram Abbey's after school badminton club run by Barry

Wilkinson.

Anna attended County training at Penrith Leisure Centre on Sunday 11th December. Anna has said of the experience "I feel really special as only a few people get picked. I am really excited about playing for the County and I'm really proud of myself".

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Seagulls v Seagulls



Report by: Gareth Lewis

Above: the Veterans Below: Victorious Young Seagulls

Young Seagulls win Boxing Day friendly!

The young Seagulls were able to make amends for their shock defeat 12 months ago by beating the veteran Seagulls 8-2 in the Silloth A.F.C. annual Boxing Day friendly. However the scoreline does not tell the whole story of a match which was the proverbial 'game of two halves'!

With the young Seagulls' side being comprised of almost the entire first team squad, it was always going to be an uphill task for the veterans, but it was the old boys who had the better of the play in the first half. Manager Stephen Hart was able to name in his side the likes of Panda, Minnie, Ramma, Revis, Cruddy, Slacky and 'Mad' Malc Wise, some the greatest players ever to wear the blue and white of Silloth. These players were determined to show they could still mix it with the current crop of Seagulls and for 45 minutes they proved to be more than up for the challenge.

The passing football from the veterans was sublime and the way in which they were dominating possession made it seem like they had an extra man on the pitch! The old boys' defence was also proving to be rock solid and more than a match for anything the young guns could throw at them. The veteran Seagulls were not taking this match lightly and despite it being a friendly they were not shy in administering a



few crunching tackles. No more so than David 'Revis' Reeves who showed that the years spent tending his allotment had not dulled his competitive edge, as the young boys' Paul Glencross can definitely attest to!

The veterans took a deserved 1-0 lead into half time thanks to a goal from Paul Hayton, who coolly slotted home after taking advantage of a mix up in the young Seagulls' defence. Now all the old boys had to do was defend this lead for 45 minutes playing up the hill and into the wind, but in the end it would not be the conditions that cost them the game. As the second half wore on tired legs forced the veterans into a number of substitutions which allowed the youngster to get back into the game. Chief amongst these was the introduction of Chris Walsh whose performance was described by John Slack as the worst he has seen by any Silloth sub!

With the momentum behind the young Seagulls the match was only heading one direction as the youngsters finally unleashed the attacking football that has seen the 1st team top the

table (scoring 71 goals in 14 games). In the end the game finished 8-2 to the young Seagulls which was not a fair reflection on how well the veterans had played, but at least it was not the double figure scoreline predicted by the young guns Mark Glencross. Goalscorers for the young Seagulls were a hat-trick from Andy Hardman (including a superb strike from 25 yards), Andy Hinde, Andrew Trestianu, Adam Carr, Mark Glencross and an own goal!

The goal of the game (and a contender for goal of the season) was the veterans' second, which was superbly taken by Ian Ramsay. He latched onto a defensive splitting pass and hit a 40 yard, looping volley over the keeper and into the roof of the net.

A massive thanks to everybody who participated in the match and made it such a success. Also, congratulations to Liam Wilson who won his first match as a manager. The young Seagulls may hold the bragging rights for 2012, but the veterans will most definitely be out for revenge next Boxing Day.

Junior Tennis Awards



The 2011 Winners

A great night was had by all at Silloth Tennis Club's 8th Presentation night.

Using the main hall in Silloth Sports & Social Club, which is the main sponsor of the club, with over 70 parents and players in attendance Cumbria LTA Executive Committee Member Pat Taylor was on hand to present the awards to players from the age of 6 to 16 with the 'Most Improved' and 'Player of the Year' categories being complimented with special "Rising Star" awards, Club Junior of the Year, County Recognition and Team awards.

The awards were accompanied by a buffet, disco, raffle and Stand up Bingo with the club making over £150 for club funds.



u8 Aegon North Winners



Joe Gilroy



Megan Heath

Category	Award	Award	Award	Award
	Boy Player Of The Year	Boy Most Improved	Girl Player Of The Year	Girl Most Improved
Under 6			Sophie Hetherington	Darcy Slack
Under 8	Max Paton	Kian Orchard	Anna Fisher	Milly Henderson
Under 10	Ben Stoddart	Kieron Oliver	Eve Fisher	Megan Heath
Under 12	Jamie Dixon	Joe Gilroy	Leah Richardson	Robyn Scott
Under 16	Matty Birkett	Matty Middleton	Emily Wise	
Club Juniors Of The Year	Josh Stoddart/ Ella Thompson			
Rising Stars: Kian Orchard, Liam Tyrer, Sophie Graham, Jodie Frith, Abigail Mossop, Libby Millican				

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