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Silloth Flew a Flag for the Commonwealth

Silloth-on-Solway participated in this year’s ‘Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth’ initiative, now in its third year. The event was attended by the staff and pupils of Silloth Primary School and quite a few members of the public.

More than 850 Commonwealth Flags were raised in locations throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories, and Commonwealth countries.

Heads of State, Prime Ministers, Lord Mayors, Lord Provosts, Town Councillors and Local Authorities; school children and college students; ‘members of Girl guiding’ and Scouts from around the UK and Commonwealth; Sea, Army, and Air Cadets; charities and community groups; Commonwealth Ex-Servicemen and women; shipping lines and disabled Ex-Servicemen and women; Commonwealth charities and community groups; UK and Commonwealth; ‘members of Girl guiding’ and college students; authorities; school children; Town Councils and Local Authorities; and Mayors, Lord Provosts; Ministers; Lord Mayors; and some Commonwealth countries.

Commonwealth flags were raised in locations throughout the whole of the Commonwealth.

Flying the Flag brings us all together in a great family of nations, seeking to work together in a great family of nations, the Commonwealth network.

The theme for 2016 encourages understanding and further exploration of Commonwealth collaboration in fields as gender equality and the post-2015 development goals.

‘An inclusive Commonwealth’ refers to the values of tolerance, respect and understanding, as well as equity and fairness, set out in the Commonwealth Charter, and the richness of the Commonwealth as a family of nations in which each member state is valued equally and has an equal voice. In uncertain times, the need for the Commonwealth to act as an inclusive network for mutual support and development is a great as ever.

We encourage public institutions, schools, civil society organisations and the media in a Commonwealth member states to consider how An Inclusive Commonwealth can be promoted through their activities, including Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth.

Lord Howell, President of the Royal Commonwealth Society said “The Royal Commonwealth Society is proud to be associated with Flying a Flag for Commonwealth Day and welcomes the flying of Commonwealth Flags over public buildings throughout the whole Commonwealth network. Flying the Flag brings us all together in a great family of Nations, seeking to work together to help a troubled world.”

Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning

Report by Pat Froggatt

The coffee morning on Saturday 5th March proved to be very successful despite the fact that some of our regulars were unable to attend due to ill health. The whole event went with a swing with those attending enjoying the fare on offer and meeting up with friends for a good crack.

Coffee and tea was served by the committee and scones, jam, and biscuits were on offer. As usual the raffle was well supported as was the cake stall and bric-a-brac. Happy birthday was sung to Davina and Arthur with everyone joining in.

The raffle was made by Maureen Irving and the following lucky people won prizes: Joan Bower, Maggie Patterson, Margaret Pickering, Eileen Reeves, Pat Froggatt, Margaret Gates, Rina Bond, Margaret Mattinson, and Jean Cliffeed.

The Committee would like to thank you all for supporting this event and hope to see you in April.
Update on the Lack of Coordination of Silloth Bus Service Timetables

Silloth Town Council have been trying to achieve better coordination of the bus timetables around Silloth. The following was sent to the Cumbria County Council Scheduled Bus Services Officer:

Dear Mark Hodgkinson,

At recent coffee morning held by MP Sue Hayman, the main subject of discussion was the bus services to West Cumbria and Carlisle.

It has been confirmed that the service 60 will be continued but the main problem that surfaced was the service that Reays run between Skinburness and Silloth, and the service run by Stagecoach from Silloth to Carlisle which do not run in tandem. Many customers travelling from Skinburness miss the bus from Silloth to Carlisle.

The Town Council would like to request that both companies are asked if they could change their timetables to coincide, which would benefit both services.

Wendy Jameson
Town Clerk

The reply sent to Silloth Town Council is as follows:

Thank you for your message.

This is an “old chestnut” and we have also been contacted by Sue Hayman’s office about it. Due to the way that the Stagecoach service 400 operates, with no layover time in Silloth, it is in fact not possible to offer good connections between the two services.

If the 60 was timed to meet the 400 to take passengers to Skinburness, by the time it returned, passengers from Skinburness would have close to a two hour wait for the next bus to Carlisle.

If the 60 was timed to meet the 400 for passengers travelling towards Carlisle the opposite would be true and those arriving from Carlisle would have a close to two hour wait for the next bus to Skinburness.

Both services are also co-ordinated with other services which would further complicate any change in times. The 60 with Reays’s 58 to offer a clock-face hourly service between Maryport and Workington, and the Stagecoach 400 with their 300 and 400 to offer a half hour timetable between Carlisle and Wigton. This means operating a non clock-face timetable to benefit Skinburness would cause problems elsewhere on the routes.

Whilst connections between the two services from Skinburness are poor, they are much better for those travelling from points South of Silloth such as Bitterness, and Allonby, so again any change to the timetable would effect these connections.

I am sorry that it is not possible to offer a better solution to this problem...

Mark Hodgkinson
Scheduled Bus Services Officer | Integrated Transport

So, despite the best efforts of Silloth Town Council and Sue Hayman MP, it would appear that nothing can be changed.

From the well supported meeting in Culterham Village Hall on Friday 8th April various points were raised.

Highway Officers seem to be oblivious to the fact that it was their mess that was repeatedly washed onto the road causing the road closures. I was rather surprised to learn that large lumps of broken concrete simply wash up from the sea bed according to them.

The Sea Wall at Dubmill has been there for over 100 years and will be there 100 years from now if they look after it instead of just neglecting and saying they are going to build a new road.

Our coastline is classified as one of “Managed Retreat”. Tell this to a Dutchman and he would laugh his socks off. ‘Managed Retreat’ a definition given to us by people in the South of England who think that Liverpool and Preston are on the Scottish border.

There are sections of our coastline that are being consumed by the sea but with no protection whatsoever the dunes are simply being undermined and the sand is being washed away. A preposition was put forward to construct a row of Gabions (wire baskets containing rocks) to help protect the coast with a comment that ‘A stitch in time saves nine’.

Time will tell what happens but local Councils need your support, we must all fight to keep the road.

St Andrews Hall
Italian Delights and Film Night

Report & Photos by: Bill James

Silloth Town Council held an Italian evening on Saturday 12th March from 7 to 9:30pm. The evening went well, and everyone was transported to Italy with flags everywhere and tables full of Italian delights.

We started with pizza then macaroni inforno, an old Italian family recipe made to celebration special events among family and friends. With this was roasted Italian vegetables, and to finish a curd tart with cream.

The evening finished with a quiz on Italy. All who came had a good night and left full. On Saturday 19th March St Andrews Hall had their first film night. The films shown were ‘A Theory Of Everything’ in the afternoon, and in the evening, ‘Everest’.

The films are to be advertised and they can be seen on the new notice board now on the wall of St Andrews Hall.

All are welcome.

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Drop-In for a Chat

There is now a regular police desk being held every five weeks at the Local Links section in the Library on Petteril Street in Silloth. The police desk is held on Wednesdays from 2pm until 4pm. The police desk can be used to report crimes, get crime prevention advice or just to have a chat about any concerns people may have and wish to speak to a PCSO. Our local PCSO is Peter Nichol, pictured here.

The next police desk is due to be held on Wednesday 11th May and everybody is more than welcome to attend.

Beach Cleaning

Report by: Jennifer Bailey

Unable to go to the first Beach Cleaning session on Wednesday 30th March, I was reliably informed that the difference in the condition of West Beach is remarkable. The cans, plastic bottles bits of netting and all the rubbish which some people seem to think is OK to leave behind after they’ve enjoyed the beach, or stuff that drifts in from who knows where, all gone and just the beauty of the sand, sea and driftwood remaining.

The clean-ups are scheduled to continue throughout the Spring and Summer months so well done to Graeme Proud for organizing these events and lets hope there are lots more folk out there who care as much as he does and turn up to help and well done to those who started the first one off.

Waver Wine Circle

Report by: Stuart Jones

Ten members attended our March meeting. The Secretary had been rather lax in not arranging the evening’s activities, but our Chair, Bill Henderson, described the group as being small and flexible. The evening was rescued at short notice by Chris Russell who organised a game of ‘Call My Bluff’, with Vera Watkinson being the winner after a play off with Stella Graham. Thanks again to Stella for organising our usual cheese nibbles and the draw. The prize, given by Judith Wood, was won by Sue Russell.

All are welcome, please contact Stuart Jones, Secretary on 016973 61006.

Science Bee

by Ella Bosward
from Silloth Primary School

Waver Wine Circle

by: Stuart Jones

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Regular Film Shows in Silloth!

Report by: Jennifer Bailey

Saturday 19th March at St Andrew’s Church Hall saw the inaugural day of the film club run by Penny and Peter Stimson. The afternoon showing was of “The Theory of Everything” - a film about the life so far of Stephen Hawking and the film show in the evening was “Everest” and that was the one I went to see.

The hall was set out with chairs - mercifully furnished with cushions and the impressive technological equipment sat in readiness for Sean Stimson - the projectionist - to begin the show. There was a choice of popcorn and drinks on offer for a very modest charge and, as people arrived and sat in anticipation of things to come, there was a lot of friendly banter accompanied by the aroma of butter and freshly popped popcorn.

There was a warm welcome from Penny at the door and from Peter (of “Our Doors Open” mushroom soup) who’s idea the film shows are, then, on with the film.

I hadn’t seen “Everest” before and thought it was a very atmospheric and, at times, harrowing record of an attempt on the Everest summit.

The evening was yet another idea in a long list of Penny and Peter’s fundraising efforts to support their Church and, whether or not you are a member of the congregation, they have to be congratulated for their tireless and seemingly unending fund of ideas to benefit and entertain the good folk of Silloth young or not so young.

These film shows need to be reasonably well supported in order to keep going so anyone interested in being notified of forthcoming films should contact Penny and get your name added to the list.

Penny can usually be found at the church on a Tuesday afternoon or at Pennine View on a Thursday afternoon at the Silloth Sewing Circle group meeting, her contact number is 016973 32355.

Nothing to do in Silloth - YOU MUST BE JOKING!!

American Night

Cockermouth Ukulele Band will be performing at St Andrews American Night in St Andrews church hall.

This will be our second American Night after the success of last year’s event. It is on the 2nd July from 7pm to 9:30pm. We will once again be enjoying an evening of typical American food and anyone can come in costume should they wish to.

The price will be announced nearer the time but anyone wishing to pre-book a ticket can contact Penny on 016973 32255.

Don’t leave it too late as this will be a very popular evening!

Friday Night Project Sponsored Silloth-Maryport-Silloth Ride

Report by: Clare Stabler

On Saturday 19th March a group of young people from the Friday Night Project got together for a sponsored bike ride to raise funds for a paintballing session.

The group cycled from Silloth to Maryport and back to Silloth managing to raise over £100 to put towards the paint balling.

The idea itself came from the STAG group asking the young people what they wanted to do in Silloth and through working together they have engaged with a Paintballing company who are willing to come to Silloth Sports Hall and put on a session for both the young people and the local community.

Nicola Bedlington, Youth Manager from NADT (North Allerdale Development Trust) who facilitate the Friday Night Project said, “This has been a fantastic thing for the young people to do, they have worked alongside other members of the Silloth community and took on the organising of the sponsored bike ride by themselves and have seen it through from start to finish, a fantastic achievement.”

The money raised will be put towards the paintballing event and also a donation made to Silloth Sports Hall where the Friday Night Project is held on a weekly basis.

Arthritis Support Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

It was a very small group for the April meeting of the Arthritis Support Group, apologies were sent from Margaret Armstrong, Edna Harper, Eleanor Hodgson, Mary Piele, Anne Fee. June Fearn and Lilian Gorden however, it meant that the speaker, Adrienne Harrison Cottrell, was able to give everyone there an individual answer to their questions. She talked about simple exercises and showed how easy it can be to keep flexible even with limited mobility. She also told us about foods which are good for your diet if you have arthritis and which can help your digestion. We were provided with lists of food which can upset your body and which can upset the balance of your digestion. There were less to questions which Adrienne answered with great patience.

Joan Armstrong organised the refreshments and the questions kept coming. Glynis Mackie won the raffle and Gladys Temple thanked Adrienne for a really helpful afternoon and asked if she would come back next year as there were so many more questions about the various treatments she is qualified to talk about.

The next meeting on Friday 6th May will be Catherine Cheetham showing her pictures and talking about the different places that have inspired her.

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The Solway Buzz Loves These Aerial Photographs

Unfortunately not everyone does, some people are understandably worried that the camera may be intruding on their privacy. Undoubtedly, some drone owners do not fly by the rules and try to intrude, but be assured that James Smith who very kindly supplies the Solway Buzz with aerial photographs does not do that. The Buzz would not be here without the freely given support and help of many and we are grateful. A careful inspection of both the images on this page will show that should anyone have been walking at the end of Grune Point or in Abbeytown on the days these photos were taken, they would be hard to see, never mind identified.

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Unfortunately the media have negatively reported on drones, mainly because of a small number of Morons flying toy ones illegally and without respect of the regulations. I am also fully compliant with the law regarding privacy. I get a lot of pleasure from hearing a lot of positive comments about the aerial images I supply without any fee to the Buzz. I regret that a number of people do make negative comments about my drone, and it is a pity that they do not speak to me directly so I can explain exactly what I am doing and that I operate totally within the regulations, instead of involving the Police Community Support Officer unnecessarily.

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The West Cumbria Carers Young Carers Project supports children and young people from the age of 5 years and up who are caring for someone at home that couldn’t manage without their help. They might be caring for a parent, a sibling or another family member who has a disability, physical or mental illness or drug/alcohol issues.

The role of a young carer varies, they may provide emotional support; they may cook, do some household chores or pick up shopping. They may help to wash or dress the person they care for or administer medication. They may keep an eye on the person they care for or look after younger siblings when their parent isn’t well.

We can help young carers by offering one to one support with a dedicated support worker. We also offer an Art Programme where young carers can work on art projects and chat at the same time in a safe, relaxed environment. We regularly run groups, trips and activities to give young carers some time out from their caring role and the opportunity to meet other children and young people in similar situations. Working with young carers is very rewarding, we get to meet and work with some amazing children and young people who have responsibilities well beyond their years. Young carers tell us that caring for someone can be tiring and stressful, but they want to continue to do it, they don’t see it as out of the ordinary or unusual, they love the person they care for and want to help them.

If you would like any further information on Services for Young Carers please call us on 01900 821 976 or visit our website – www.westcumbriacarers.co.uk.

Young Carers Project

Causewayhead WI

Report by Pat Froggatt

On 10th March Causewayhead welcomed Mr Maurice Steele, who was introduced by our President, Margaret Durham. Mr Steele presented his slide show entitled ‘Irish introduced by our President, Causewayhead welcomed or administer medication.

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A vote of thanks was announced in the last edition of the Buzz about the incorrect order giving us an annual Steam Rally and Carnival. At this Rally are working Steam Engines - live music and many stalls - a real carnival atmosphere prevailed.

On our travels we were shown slides of Kilmarnock Gaol where in 1916 many of the members of the Easter Rising were imprisoned and executed by the British. Another interesting feature was the Rock of Cashel which has some Japanese Gardens, and many more. This was a delightful experience to all of us showing parts of Ireland that many of us had never seen. A vote of thanks was given by Jean Graham which reflected all our feelings.


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RNLI Yellow Wellie Event

First of all, our apologies for the incorrect announcement in the last edition of the Buzz about this year’s RNLI Mayday Event.

After the popular Yellow Wellie trail last year, the fundraising branch of the RNLI is asking everyone to guess where they are. Young Wellie badges will also be on sale for £1.

New Tourist Train on Silloth Green

Paramount Amusements have added another wonderful new attraction to Silloth Green.

The land train takes carriages of passengers all around the Green every day, weather permitting,

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Since the Pagoda was refurbished in 2012, it has cost £2,418 to repair damage caused by vandals.

Due to the recent damage which has occurred twice in the last three months, the Council has now made the decision to install security measures to protect the building against further attacks.

The majority of the Council’s income is funded via the Precept which is the amount charged to the Council tax and collected from Silloth residents. The repairs and the cost involved in protecting the building are therefore funded by Silloth householders. This evil costs us personally.

Vandalism is not only a nuisance to the Council in terms of having to arrange for repairs, etc., but it also affects local residents and visitors to the town.

The building is out of action for some time and there are considerable costs involved, money which could have been put to better use around Silloth.

If you witness anyone causing damage to property, then please report it to the Police on 999 and contact the Town Council. Email: townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk.

40’s Style Tea Party on Silloth Green

Report by: Jan McGreavy STAG Treasurer

Silloth Tourism Action Group are organising a free party on 11th June 2016 to celebrate the Queen’s birthday.

The party will start around 5pm after the Vintage Rally finishes for the day on Silloth Green and will finish around 9pm. It will be in a 40s theme as we thought it was fitting for such a momenteous birthday celebration of our monarch.

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Innovia Focus on Banknotes

Innovia Group ("Innovia"), the global leader in high-tech film products for industrial applications and banknotes, today announces an agreement to sell its Cellophane business and assets ("Cellophane") to Futamura Chemicals Co., Ltd ("Futamura"). The deal is expected to complete on or before 30 June, 2016. Based in Nagoya, Japan, Futamura is a leading manufacturer of plastic and cellulose films, principally servicing the food packaging industry.

Following the sale, Innovia will continue to deepen its focus on its fast-growing and world-leading polymer banknote business and on building its market leading and differentiated “double bubble” biaxially oriented polypropylene (BOPP) films business. In the BOPP business, Innovia will continue its focus and investment on differentiated product development for its core and new markets. Innovia is well established as the world’s leading provider of technologically advanced polymer banknote substrate and by the end of 2016 will have manufactured more than 50 billion Guardian® banknotes for central banks around the world.

In particular, the lifetime costs to central banks which we expect will continue to drive long term demand for polymer banknotes across the globe. Yasuo Nagae, President of Futamura Chemical Co., Ltd, said: “The acquisition of the Innovia’s Cellophane business will enhance our product range and presence across the globe. It supports our ambition to serve our key customers through local manufacturing facilities offering the highest standards of delivery by experienced personnel. We look forward to welcoming Innovia’s Cello employees into our family.”

Check what your parents/grandparents have in their wardrobe

The sale of our Cellophane business is an important strategic step for Innovia. Futamura is an excellent long-term owner for Cellophane, with its core business focused on cellulose and plastic films. In line with our strategy, we will continue to focus on building our polymer films and banknote business where we see significant growth potential. In particular, the benefits of our polymer technology for banknotes have proven to reduce counterfeiting levels significantly and to reduce substantially...
Candidates for Police & Crime Commissioner

About police and crime commissioners

Police and crime commissioners (PCCs) ensure the policing needs of your community are met as effectively as possible and to oversee how crime is tackled in your area. Police and crime commissioners are elected to hold your police force to account for delivering the kind of policing you want to see. Their aim is to cut crime and to ensure your police force is effective. PCCs bring a public voice to policing and they do this by: engaging with the public and victims of crime to help set police and crime plans; ensuring the police force budget is spent where it matters most; and appointing, and where necessary dismissing, the chief constable.

Work with others

PCCs also work with your council and other organisations to promote and enable joined up working on community safety and other partners to national arrangements to protect the public from other cross-boundary threats. PCCs are required to swear an oath of impartiality when they are elected to office. The oath is designed so PCCs can set out publicly their commitment to tackling their new role with integrity. It reflects the commitment of police officers to make sure every member of the public is treated fairly and is made clear that they are there to serve the people, not a political party or any one section of their electorate.

Michael Pye - UK Independence Party

I have had very strong links with Cumbria for over 40 years. I was educated at Cockermouth Grammar School, and studied Chemical Engineering at Birmingham University. Then spent my career in the oil industry, UK and abroad, but always with a base in Cockermouth from where I could enjoy mountaineering, walking, coastal routes and the other benefits of living in Cumbria.

UKIP is a strong believer in law and order and that the Police have a very important role in a civilised society to protect ordinary people and allowing us to live our lives peacefully.

At the same time there have been instances across the UK where the Police and connected authorities have needed more accountability and transparency to ensure that the Police etc. are working in our overall best interests. Part of managing safety is crime prevention, which is both steering potential criminals away from crime, but also assisting existing criminals to change their lives away from criminal activity.

The Commissioner has an important role to play in facilitating crime prevention initiatives.

The very large and unusual shape of Cumbria Police Area, and the locations of Police and Crime related bodies, brings many challenges and the Commissioner needs to be positioned so as to reach everywhere. My home is in Cockermouth, which doesn’t suit Carlisle. Priorities can and will differ from one town and village, and Police organisation needs to maintain and improve.

Lorraine Birchall - Liberal Democrats

My priorities are –

More visible policing in our towns and villages

Fighting Conservative government plans to cut police funding

Tackling domestic violence more seriously

Tackling crimes against small businesses and farms

Getting a grip on court closures

Cumbria police is under threat. Last year Stricklandgate, where my office is situated, the government proposed cutting £2 million from its budget. That’s the cost of over 400 front line police officers. They might have delayed the cuts, but the government still only pretend to change their mind. I will fight tooth and nail for a fairer funding deal for Cumbria’s police.

As a former lawyer, consultant and daughter of a former police officer, I’m also the right person to hold Cumbria Police to account. I want us to do more to stop re-offending. We need restorative justice to support and help victims of crime, and we need to promote rehabilitation and youth services to help offenders turn their lives around and reduce re-offending rates. We need to restore trust in Cumbria police, to earn the trust of the community, and to help victims of crime.

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Reg Watson - Labour Party

I am honoured to be chosen as the Labour Party’s candidate for the General Election in the Cumbria Police Area. Prior to the reform of Policing I was Chair of Cumbria Police Authority having held the position for 20 years. During that time we achieved the highest number of police officers, civilian staff and recorded the most favourable crime figures ever by Cumbria Police. I was honoured to receive an OBE for my services to Policing and the People of Cumbria. I will continue to focus on ensuring that police numbers are maintained and improved.

My priorities will be vandalism, disorder, anti-social behaviour and tackling the large of the Cumbria Police Area. I am concerned that cuts and future proposed cuts on numbers of officers and neighbourhood Policing. I am also concerned that cuts and future proposed cuts by the current government will impact greatly, not only on our moral but public confidence in the Service.

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Mary Robinson - Independent

A Cumbrian farmer’s daughter, born in Kendal, attended grammar school in Maryport/Carlisle, and has lived in the Eden Valley for 50 years. With a BA from University of Northumbria, she became Head of Business & Marketing at Tullie House Museum, Carlisle, including chairing the Carlisle Metropolitan Partnership, responsible for £44m. Her voluntary work includes youth leader, chair of governors, parish council. I plan to bring a breath of fresh air to the role, be the voice of all Cumbria’s residents and not listen to excuses, and ensure there’s action on recently identified Cumbria police weaknesses.

Roles: Member of EU Committee of Regions in Brussels; Eden District Councillor (10 years); Chair of Cumbria Railway Line Partnership; Chair of Eden Cycling Group; Aon-Commissioned Railways Group; Eden Development Trust; Eden District Scrutiny Committee; Eden District Council Scrutiny Board and Accounts & Governance Panel (Budgets).

As chairman of Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership I recently met with other chairmen from Cumbria, Eden and South Lakeland & Allerdale creating vital cohesion across Cumbria, regularly convening with the Police and Crime Commissioner and helping shape the 2017/18 Police and Crime Plan.

‘My depth of senior office right here in Cumbria sets me head and shoulders above other candidates when it comes to representing the public. This is a big job, in a huge county, demanding a Chair of the Community who understands the unique needs of our rural area. I’m an established Cumbrian leader ready to hit the ground running; not a box ticker with party political aspirations’.

We must work proactively with young problematic people; address domestic abuse, hate crime and psycho-active substances being sold in our schools, and organised gangs seeing our rural county as easy pickings. Let’s get to work.
Dear Buzz,

Thank you for publishing my mum’s ‘Eastern Memories’ in the April issue, I hope your readers found it interesting. There were two photographs in that issue which fascinated me. The one of the Conventual platform reminded me of walks with the family to the West beach. I think that the lairage referred to would be the same as the one that existed in the late 1950’s, in which case it was a single, large building, not a series of sheds as stated. The roof was made up of many east-west ridges fitted with ‘northern lights’, so that the sun didn’t shine in directly. My uncle and his friends took me inside and tried to convince me that the snakes lived in there! I have no idea how we got in but in those days children had the run of the docksides.

The hydraulic tower next to the mill powered the cranes on the west side of the dock and various capstans in the goods yard, as well as the dock gates. As children we would check to see if any of the capstans were still turned on so as to sneak a quick spin! The capstans were used to pull wagens around the yard, saving the use of a shunting engine. The other picture that I liked was ‘Silloth in the snow’. As mainly summertime visitors we always wondered if sand and snow could co-exist! Mum would insist that it could snow in Silloth and would show us the attached photo. This is of my uncle Peter playing on Skiddaw street in about 1949. In the background is the gas works that my great-grandfather managed until he died there in 1926. My nana couldn’t abide fish bones in the house so she would send Peter with the fish waste to the gas works to put the weather on. On the right there is a tree from which the bark has been stripped by animals. The un-striped part shows how deep the snow must have been. I expect that would have been the winter of 1947.

Jim Shaw
Bath

Dear Buzz,

We are writing to thank the community of Silloth and the surrounding areas for their much valued donations, support and encouragement for our efforts on their behalf. Without these donations we would not be able to operate to the best of our ability. We are an organisation comprising entirely of volunteers supported by the North West Ambulance Service. We always appreciate the kind words, donations and encouragement we get from the general public. We have recently welcomed some new trained responders onto our team and look forward to continuing to provide this vital support.

Silloth First Responders

Getting Old
by Purity Simms

I’m getting old my children say
I am always in their way.
I don’t walk fast or I eat too slow
And don’t ask me a question, I won’t know.

My hearings gone, so are my eyes
And I’m so large I don’t know my size.
I hate these little skinny things
Who wobble about on skinny pins.

I’m very young and grey
I’m always having a lovely day.
It’s always raining or blowing a gale
I’m always having a lousy day.

Ask me to grumble I never fall.
But my life has changed today
The pretenses increased they say.
What will I do with all this money
Don’t get excited just being funny!

Dr Bee Octopus
by Luke Harrison
from
Bouncing Babies Childminder

This month the winner is Holly from Holm St Cuthbert School with a bee drawing called “Sailor Bee”.

Well done!

Masthead Winner

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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. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to the Buzz, our address on page 10.

Your Buzzing Letters

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This alert is a reminder to be aware of emails that appear to have been sent from a legitimate organisation. Fraudsters often use fake email addresses designed to encourage recipients to open attachments or links. You are advised that if you are in any doubt as to the origin of an email, do not open it. Consider that emails can be spoofed and used to generate spam to recipients far and wide. If you receive a spam email, you MUST NOT open it. Instead, delete it from your email system to avoid infecting your computer. If you think you have been a victim of this type of email you should report the email to Action Fraud, the UK’s national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre: www.actionfraud.police.uk. If you do make a report please provide as much detail as you can about the email and any effects it has had on your computer. Additionally if your Anti-Virus software detects any issues in relation to this email please provide us with the details.

Cinnamon Trust is the national charity for the elderly and terminally ill and their pets. We seek to keep owner and pet together for as long as possible with the help of a national network of volunteers who assist when day to day care poses a problem.

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Pet Lovers Wanted

Cumbria Trading Standards are warning people, especially the over 70’s, to be aware of misleading websites which may infer that they are the official site for renewing driving licences. After using Internet search engines, sites may appear which seem to be the gov.uk website as much of the information looks legitimate, relating to renewing licences, updating information and applying for new licences, for instance. Once one is signed up with such websites, subscriptions may be taken. Trading Standards’ advice is to be aware of such websites, making sure that the official GOV.UK site is used for such enquiries and applications. For further advice or information, please contact Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 05 or visit www.adviceguide.org.uk

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**Silloth Fire Station Needs You!**

Cumbria County Council's Fire and Rescue Service is recruiting to find additional on-call firefighters. Around 50 on-call firefighters are needed at a total of 22 fire stations across the county including Silloth fire station.

An on-call firefighter could be the person delivering your post, your hair stylist, a housewife/husband, a farmer and the list goes on. Anyone could be an on-call firefighter, ready to go at a moment’s notice, to leave their place of work, family get together or day off at any hour of the day.

In many parts of the county those are the people who will be first on scene at a house fire, car crash or flooding incident. By having the fire appliance available in your community you’re ensuring that your loved ones and neighbours have the resources available, should an incident occur. Without your local fire appliance you would have to wait for one from further afield.

On-call firefighters have a range of skills from Advanced First Aid to HGV Driver which are gained during training and courses and can be transferred to your employment, home life and social activities.

Being an on-call firefighter is hugely rewarding and will alter your life in ways you can’t imagine. Your crew will become your second family and some of your best friends. These people will always be there to support you.

This is not just a job but something you will be extremely proud of.

Call rates vary from fire station to fire station, with some of Cumbria’s on-call stations responding to over 200 calls a year and others as few as 15. The fire service is looking for men and women from all backgrounds who are fit, healthy and prepared to commit to the role. The pay scales for an on-call firefighter are:

- A ‘day’ rate of £13.14
- An ‘hour’ rate of £13.14
- A retainer of £2,158

If successful, the new on-call firefighters will be expected to attend a two-hour training session at their fire station each week plus additional core training courses in order to maintain operational skills.

The nature of the on-call duty system also requires firefighters to live or work within five minutes of their station so they can respond to emergency calls. On-call firefighters are contracted to provide an agreed number of availability hours and only attend the fire station when they have received an emergency callout.

Each on-call firefighter carries a pocket alerter, which is activated when they are needed and they subsequently report to the fire station and mobilise the necessary fire appliance(s). On most stations weekday ‘day cover’ between 8am – 6pm in addition to weekend cover is required.

To apply people will need to complete an application form; carry out a number of nationally recognised tests and have an interview and medical check.

A series of open days are being held so people interested in becoming on-call firefighters can visit their local station to chat to the crews, have a go at some of the tests and find out more about what this lifesaving role entails.

Potential applicants can find more information by visiting [www.cumbria.gov.uk/cumbriafire/workforcfrs/oncallfirefighters.asp](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/cumbriafire/workforcfrs/oncallfirefighters.asp) or call Kasey Grainger on 07930 973388.

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**Silloth Seagulls**

Report by: Mr C Gull

A combination of wet weather and opponents being unable to field a team meant the Seagulls only managed two cup matches this month. First up was the Ken Glover Memorial Shield where the tie had been switched to Silloth as opponents St Bees had twice called the game off previously due to their pitch being waterlogged. The Seagulls ran out 2-1 victors to progress to the quarter final stage with a performance which got the job done and no more. Kieran Little was Silloth’s goalscorer helping himself to a brace and Kris Nichol was named man of the match.

The following week the Seagulls squandered a great opportunity to reach the final of the Conway Cup as they were well beaten 6-1 by reigning Premier League champions Netherhall.

Silloth’s goalscorer was Andrew Trestianu who was also named man of the match for his tireless work up front.

With only two months left of the season and the games coming thick and fast the Seagulls will be looking to hit top gear to maintain their position at the summit of Division One and challenge for honours in the Memorial Shield and Benevolent Cup.
Silloth Tigers Coming into Form When it Matters

Report by: Joe Kirkup

Silloth Tigers going away from the Easter break were delighted after a thrilling home win against Hawcoat Park which saw the West Cumbrian side take a huge step out of the relegation zone for the first time in months. With a place in the semi final of the County Cup also due to this game being played as a double header.

The game set off very strongly for the visiting side who showed the Tigers they were here for the win. Fifteen minutes in and a Hawcoat hooker was shown a yellow card for a dangerous tackle, but it was clearly stated by the referee this was not intentional. Silloth then pushed hard and a well worked try saw Joe Kirkup making the most of a good move and the finishing try on his return from the bench. The try was converted and Silloth were back in the game.

The second half came and neither side looked like they were going to take a backwards step. They gave the fans a thrilling 40 minutes of rugby with Dan Yeoman making up for his yellow by running in the try scoring from a superb break by younger Tommy Dixon who broke the line and passed the two on one overlap they had on the fullback.

The score line now 19-7 and Hawcoat knew the next points had to be theirs if they were to stay in the game. With rain falling and penalty after penalty going against Silloth it came to no surprise to anyone the visitors scored and were successful from the boot... Game on, 4th try for Silloth and bonus point secured after Ellis Nixon kicked and touched the ball down. Silloth again took a good lead but shortly after the gap was cut to 3 points with the scoreboard sitting at 24-21 and that’s how it ended.

Both sides happy with a performance in such bad conditions, man of the match was awarded to veteran fullback Philip Scott who was outstanding. Silloth now play either Whitehaven or Kendal in the semi final at home they also sit tenth in the league whilst Hawcoat fell into the bottom three and a relegation battle will begin.

Once again, Silloth found themselves heading into a must win game as they hosted Tyldesley at the Jim Brough park. The sun was shining and Silloth took full advantage and arguably the strongest side they’ve had out all season and ran in a comfortable win 58-19. All credit to the visitors who played strongly for eighty minutes but the Tigers were just too strong.

Now both sides are level on points and the next few fixtures are crucial for all in the bottom six in the league, and who will go down is yet to be decided.