

## Letters

Dear Buzz,

Here is an interesting event which occurred at Silloth in 1914.

The Visit of S.S. 'Clan Chisholm'.

Silloth docks has seen some interesting ships in the past 150 years, but one of the most significant has to be the S.S. 'Clan Chisholm', which called in May 1914. The arrival of the vessel brought crowds of visitors and residents down to the port, to witness the arrival of one of the largest ships to have visited Silloth. The event was described in the Carlisle Journal on 29th May 1914, this was the report "The docks are always a source of interest to those visiting Silloth, but this week they will contain an even greater attraction than usual. This is the steamship 'Clan Chisholm' which has brought a cargo of Guano from one of the Seychelles Islands. What is likely to appeal to visitors is the crew, most of whom are Lascars. Already they have greatly interested the residents, who are somewhat familiar with foreign crews, so that they should appeal more to visitors".

The 'Clan Chisholm' was a steamer of 2,647 gross tons and was operated by the well known Scottish shipping firm 'Clan Line'. Her cargo was destined for the chemical works,

which imported Guano as a fertilizer.

The ship would have made an impressive sight at the port, so does any reader have an old picture or postcard of her?

Stephen Wright

Dear Buzz,

I would like to thank you for publishing my letter regarding the strange name of the house "Longcummercatiff", and also the gentleman, Keith from Silloth, who put forward such an ingenious explanation of the word in your March publication. I fully accept the definition and take it as the joke it is, a mystery solved that has intrigued me for more than fifty years. Again many thanks.

James A Foreman

Dear Buzz,

I would like to thank all of my friends and family for the beautiful cards, flowers and gifts, as well as their invaluable support, which I received after my recent stay in hospital. It was very much appreciated.

Cath Clark

## Silloth Rugby Club



Above: 1 minutes silence Report & Photos by: Geoff Bland

At Silloth Rugby Union Club, we were all saddened by the death of Bill Johnston.

Bill had been connected with the club for many years, as a player, committee man and trustee and an always enthusiastic supporter.

As a sportsmaster he encouraged his pupils to develop skilful play and good sportsmanship. Many lads made the step up from school rugby to the Silloth 1st team. From the players, officials and supporters of Silloth Rugby Union Club we extend our condolences to his family.

Below: League legend Jimmy Wareing with Bill Johnston



## Silloth Rotary Club

Silloth Rotarians assisted in putting up and later taking down the town's Christmas lights. They assisted with Santa's Grotto and they escorted Santa during his annual pre-Christmas tour from Skinburness to Silloth, dispensing gifts and hearing last-minute requests from the children. Gifts and cards were also distributed to local elderly folk in receipt of the Meals on Wheels service. That sturdy group of volunteers who regularly distribute the hot meals were later entertained to a mulled wine and mince pie gathering.

It is at Christmas that Silloth Rotary Club distribute annual donations to many worthy causes, locally, nationally and internationally. Funding for these donations comes from various events throughout the year, so please support Rotary fundraising whenever possible.

On 20th January Silloth Rotary Club, led this year by President Peter Gilmour celebrated

its 30th birthday with a special dinner function at the Golf Hotel. Receiving special honours were Club Founder Members Jimmy Watson, Jim Aird and Bill Carr.

On 27th January, Silloth Rotary Club participated in the Great Silloth Quiz. As last years champions we were beaten this year into 2nd place, by a team from Silloth Lifeboat Station.

On 23rd February, members of Silloth Rotary Club joined members from our parent clubs of Wigton and Maryport, for a Tripartite dinner at the Waverley Hotel at Maryport. This was quickly followed by a fundraising evening on 24th February at Stanwix Park.

On 2nd March, led by Jimmy Watson, we held our very popular and annual "Sing-along" for senior citizens at Silloth Social Club.

Forthcoming events include "Stroke Awareness Day", on Sunday 9th April at the Golf Hotel, between 10am and 2pm.

### Silloth RNLI Shop

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