

Letters

Dear Buzz,

I recently celebrated my 80th Birthday at the Golf Hotel Silloth, with 33 friends. Everyone agreed that the food was delicious, and the Hotel's organisation faultless. After dinner Derek Shaw played music for dancing, which made the party go with a swing! Because I didn't need presents, we collected donations to the amount of £300 for the "Pride of Cumbria" Air Ambulance, thanks to my friends, who made it such a memorable birthday. A week before the celebrations I had a fall in Station Road Silloth, - within seconds, there was someone instantly there to help me. A young lady called Sarah Scott drove me to the Surgery, whilst another young man, David Baker saw that I received attention when I arrived there. I have been able to trace them since, to thank them personally. With such prompt treatment, I was able to attend my party in good spirits, albeit with a black eye!

Jean Darling
Skinburness

Dear Buzz,

On Sunday 7th October, I presented £265 each to Silloth Lifeboat appeal and Pride of Cumbria Great North Air Ambulance. I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me on my Coast To Coast bike ride.

J.H. Beaty

Dear Buzz,

I would just like to say a massive thank-you to everyone for the wonderful time I had on my recent return to the town for the Beer Festival weekend. I had a really great time around the town and in the tent. It was good to meet up with so many of my friends again, whom I sampled many of the beers and boogied the night away to the Cavern Beatles. I look forward to meeting you all once again when I return to my home town for my 'Stag - Do' in mid - October.

John Slack (jnr)

Dear All,

As from the end of November our prices are going to increase due to fuel increase and other expenditure. We have been running for nearly 2 years and this is the first increase on fares. Also, there will be new times of running: Monday - Thursday we will finish at 11pm unless it has been pre-booked the reason for this is we have school contracts and we start very early. Friday and Saturday taxis will run as normal. We would recommend that if you intend on going out of town it is best to pre-book as we can't always guarantee there will be a taxi available. Sunday nights we are going to be finishing at midnight. These hours are for the winter season only.

Sorry for any inconvenience

Johnstone and Hayley

Dear Buzz,

As I walked my dog along the sea front one Sunday night and approached the Lifeboat Station I was suddenly confronted by lots of cars and people, all in a hurry. Of course, I thought, its the lifeboat crew, I stopped to watch and in only a couple of minutes four "young" men climbed aboard their lifeboat and disappeared into the gloomy night. The sea was rough and the wind strong, indeed, I had struggled to walk along the promenade against the wind, let alone gone to sea in it. I asked one of the men outside the station what was going on, he told me that a drilling rig was capsizing with 38 men on board some 14 miles away. Although I didn't personally know the crew, my heart sank. I am old enough to remember the tragedy of 1956 when four Silloth lifeboatmen were drowned. I walked home and couldn't stop thinking of those brave young men out at sea, putting their own lives at risk to save complete strangers. They are an example to us all and we should remember that when we read about all the bad things that happen in the world, its nice to know that human kindness hasn't vanished altogether.

Brenda Braithwaite
Silloth resident

Dear Buzz,

Solfest was everything it promised to be, fun, cool, great people and fantastic music. Our party of six adults and three kids aged 4-10 were all catered for in every sense. Camping was very laid back, being able to have fires an

Poems

ROSIE FROM BARROW.

Did you ever meet Rosie from Barrow, the one with massive big hips?

When she wasn't picking her teeth with old anchors, she'd be spitting steel rivets in ships.

She knocked back her rum like a sailor and beer she drank only the best,

Kept assorted spanners in her knickers and a welding kit in her string vest.

There wasn't a man who'd refuse her; for fear she might do them some harm,

So they did whatever she demanded, whilst reciting the 23rd psalm.

For I will fear no evil, though I walk through the valley of death,

And they crept past the dock gates, praying, and painfully, holding their breath.

Now Rosie, is feared by all Sailors, Shipwrights and Dockers alike,

That's why! Whenever it's going home time,

They all Charge home on their bikes.

Whiskers

AUTUMN

Shh! Listen to the wind, as it blows around the trees,
Whistles around the chimney pots and uproots plants with ease.

The leaves are turning from green to gold and fall upon the ground,

And when their squashed beneath your feet,
They make a scrunching sound.

I love their colours, their shapes and smells; they blow in the wind so free,

I love autumn so very much it brings such joy to me.

Whiskers

Celebrity Bee
by Bethany Stephenson
from Silloth Primary School



Super Bee
by Lucy Anne Martin
from Allonby School



Blood Dripping Bee
by Janice Dennison
from Silloth Primary School



Karen

aren't many places where you can enjoy such diverse musical styles, workshops that include welly boot dancing and kangaroo burgers to fill you up, and not a corporate branding in sight! The organisers must work like troopers to get it all together and deserve a HUGE thank you for laying on such a great weekend, and keeping it so cheap to attend. I will be returning next year, as the Cumbrian coastline is an added bonus. We even managed to round off the weekend at Silloth Carnival before retreating back to Bury.

added bonus. Even the changeable weather held no nasty surprises in the form of awol tents. After attending various festivals, including Wickerman last year, I would definitely recommend Solfest to anyone who has never experienced a festival, young or old, as a perfect starter. No idiots around that I noticed anyway, to spoil things, and a nice safe and friendly atmosphere. Pirate/Fairy night was definitely a winner with everyone making a huge effort, and when you see 5,000 odd people dressed up like that and having a ball, it feels like magic. There

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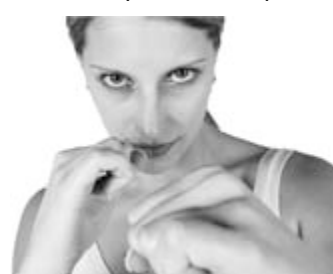
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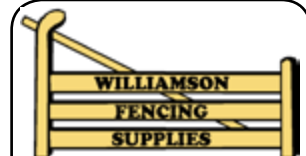
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