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Silloth Santa Dash



Report by: Hayley & Johnstone Forster

What a awesome sight, they reckon there were two hundred Santa's in the first-ever Santa Dash.

Between us we were trying to think of a good way of raising some money for Silloth Christmas Lights, then Shirley and Malc Parker turned into fitness freaks and did the Cumbrian Run. They said we should

do something like that, but what with me not owning a pair of trainers, or some excuse like that, I thought it would be a good idea to have a slow walk.

So a slow walk up the promenade dressed as Santa's was the brainchild of a few not so clever people. To everyone that has ever organised one of Silloths many events, hats off to you all.

There were a lot of prizes donated for a blind auction, for which I'd like to say a million thanks to everybody.

The day went without any mishaps thankfully. Thanks must go to Martin Sharp who's family own one of the biggest dairy farms around here, for buying a months supply of milk, Fred Irving who bought one days mini-digger hire, it must be for his allotment. I've even heard Alfie Bennett had his hand in his pocket.

As a lot of you already know, in years gone by Bill Amyes and his good lady has sometimes single handedly put up the lights, but regrettably Bill is not as young as he used to be.

So if you think you can help with this mammoth task or if you'd just like to give support, give me a ring on 31557. There's a pint in it for you kindly donated by Bill from The Albion. I hope this event gets bigger and better. A big thanks to all involved.

Like Chocolate?



The Kandy Shop is raffling a giant Toblerone in aid of Silloth RNLI
This really is a monster, it weighs 4.5 Kilo (nearly 10 lbs) and should be big enough for anyone, or just about everyone!
Tickets are £1 a strip of five and will be drawn in time for Christmas - get your tickets now.

Local World Champion



Winner: John Graham
Second: Mike Naylor
Third: James Mason
Copeland mayor: Ann Jennings sales manager: Gaynor
Copeland council leader: Elaine

Photo by: Stephen Dargue

The Biggest Liar in the world competition held at Santon Bridge, Wasdale was won again on Thursday 15th November by our own local story teller John

Graham.

For the sixth time since 1994 John told a story before a panel of eight judges, and an audience of around 220. The judges voted that his Content and Presentation proved to be a World beater. In the 13 years from his first win he is the only one to have won three times on the trot, for which he was asked to judge the following year to give others a chance. The Competition is organised by Copeland Council and Jennings Brewery who have brewed a beer to mark the occasion named "Liars Beer".

John is well known locally, and far afield for his tales and outrageous stories, which he has presented at many functions. This year his book "Johnny Liar" was published and is on sale locally and selling well. After the competition an Australian approached John, saying, they were trying to set up a competition, and would he be interested in attending so far away.

Ps Having interviewed the "Biggest Liar in the World" we have checked and found this report to be true. (we hope)

Silloth Christmas Lights
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R.A.F.A. Leek Club



Three Generations of Leek Growers

This year's show was held on Saturday 8th September in the R.A.F.A. Club where 15 members showed leeks.

Entries in the open section were up on last year. The show was judged by Mr Colin Johnston. The Leek Club is grateful for the support of the sponsors, also for the help given by Mrs Shona Nichol and the R.A.F.A. Club.

The main prize winners were:
 1st Mr Steven Atkinson,
 2nd Mrs Jenny Atkinson,
 3rd Mr Stuart Hankin.
 Best leek in the show - Mrs J Atkinson, highest placed lady - Mrs J Atkinson, the Robin Smith Trophy for French Leek - Mr S Hankin, Wooden spoon - Mrs H Robinson, Most improved member - Mr B Wishart, Most points in show - Mr S Hankin, the Brian Atkinson Memorial

New Book from History Group

The Holme St. Cuthbert History Group will be publishing their new book "More Plain People" early this month.

The book is a fascinating mixture of history, profiles of local characters and nostalgia from the whole of the Solway coast between Salt pans and Skinburness.

It features around three hundred photographs. Many of these were loaned to the group by Heather and Olive Wood of Skinburness Road. Their family ran the famous 'emporium' at the corner of Wampool Street for over a hundred years and were Silloth's leading publishers of post cards



Are you in this picture? Identify yourself and you will receive a free copy of the book.

and guide books.

Among the pictures from the Woods' collection is this wonderful shot of the Gray family's donkeys on Silloth green. It is thought to have been taken sometime around 1930 but nothing else is known about it.

The History group are appealing for help from Buzz readers. They want to know if readers can identify any of the children; they suspect they were local kids, specially posed by the photographer.

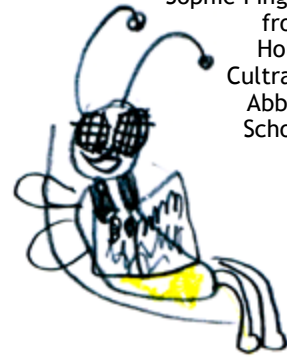
If you can help, write to the Buzz or email the group through their website at www.solway.org.uk. If any reader can prove they are in the picture, they will get a free presentation copy of the new book!

More Plain People and Places on the Solway Plain

will be available from Winter's Newsagents, the Silloth Tourist Office and most other local bookshops.

It can also be obtained by mail order, price £9.95 post free, from Holme St Cuthbert History Group, Nook Farm, Beckfoot, Silloth, CA7 4LG.

Fig Bees by Sophie Pingey from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Skinburness Residents Association

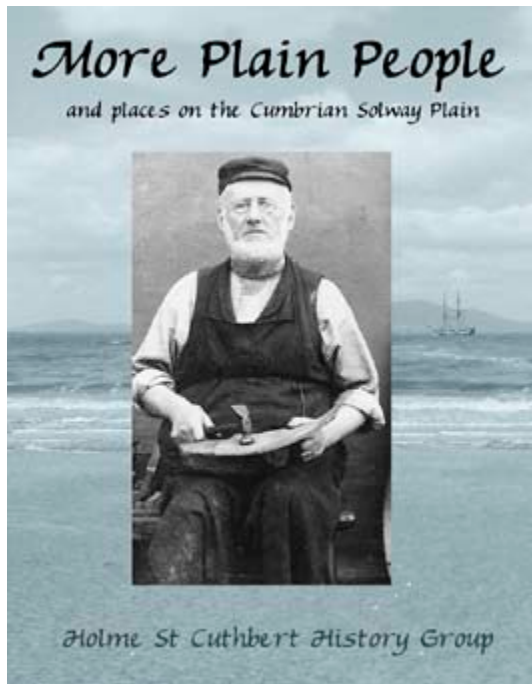
A meeting was held in the Golf Hotel on November 1st, it was reported that four projects have been completed.

They are: flooding across the road at the Wath end of the marsh, the drainage pipes were cleared, the walkway along the sea wall at Eastcote is now clear of stones, the sea gates along the same stretch have been repaired and the bus shelter at Skinburness is now on a regular cleaning schedule.

We would like to thank the Town Council for their help in these issues.

If any member of the SRA has a project they would like us to raise please let us know 14 days before our next meeting on the 10th January. If you are new to our area and would like to become a member contact the Secretary: Kath on Silloth 32272.

Our membership is continuing to grow steadily, the bigger we are, the stronger we are.



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Police Report

Report by:
PCSO Lindsey Noblet

This will be my last police report as I am now commencing maternity leave. I would just like to leave you with a few last messages and appeals.

Now that it is dark please can parents ensure that if their children are going to be out on their bikes that they wear light coloured clothing and ideally something fluorescent, with a helmet. It is also fundamental that they have correctly fitted and working lights on both the front and rear of their bicycles. If you do not have lights for the bike, please do not use it in dark. We have had several complaints about speeding traffic in the area and this problem can only be made worse if we add to the problem children riding bikes with no safety precautions.

During mid October the police station ran an operation to stop and advise motorists about Anti Social Driving. This was very successful in both Wigton and Silloth. Following this speed checks have been carried out around various places in the town, particularly in housing estates and we are pleased to report that the average speed is far below that of the local speed limits.

We have just run "not in my Neighbourhood" week at Wigton Station. During this time we had a billboard at the Solway Coast Discovery Centre advertising our local statistics and contact details. If you would like to know more, or think that Silloth should have such a display up on a permanent basis please, get in contact.

We would really appreciate you opinions on the local crime and Anti Social Behaviour levels. You can pick up a survey from one of our Police Surgeries held at the Fire Station or alternatively contact your local Community Policeman and we will post one to you. Your opinions and ideas for the town are gratefully received and help us tailor our Neighbourhood Policing to your needs. Silloth Community Team

Wigton Police Station
Station Road
Wigton
CA7 9AH
Email: Andrew.
Robertson@cumbria.
police.uk
Or call 0845 33 00 247

Take care during winter taking extra precautions when driving.

RNLI Annual Grand Draw

The Silloth & District Fundraising Branch of the RNLI recently held a Dance Night at the Golf Hotel in Silloth and during the evening the Branch's Annual Grand Draw took place.

Winning tickets drawn:

| | | |
|----------------|------|-------------------------|
| 1 Jake | 1964 | Carved Bench Seat |
| 2 J King | 3987 | DVD Player |
| 3 J Kiely | 0969 | Dinner/Tea Service |
| 4 Helen | 4011 | Marks & Spencer Voucher |
| 5 P Clark | 3930 | Copy of 'Home Grown' |
| 6 J Crow | 3707 | Coffee Machine |
| 7 C Howes | 4555 | Whisky |
| 8 W Butler | 0925 | Bottle of Asti Martini |
| 9 B Beck | 4657 | Rose Wine |
| 10 S Wilkinson | 1544 | White Wine |
| 11 D Hodgson | 2657 | Cheese Knife Set |
| 12 Jacko | 4296 | Toiletry Set |

All winners have been notified and prizes distributed. Many thanks to all those of you who bought raffle tickets, just sorry that you all couldn't

be winners! Thanks also to the many people of Silloth, Wigton, Aspatria and beyond who took batches of raffle tickets to sell for the Annual Grand Draw, which this year raised the fantastic sum of £1,270.25 - the best ever result in the Branch's history.

A special thank you is also extended to those of you who so generously provided the wonderful prizes for the draw. As all the prizes had been donated, all the money raised from the Annual Grand Draw goes directly to the RNLI.

Abbeytown Carnival

The Carnival Committee would like to give a Big Thank You to all those many people who helped in 2007 and / or with any previous Carnivals, this list includes :

Anybody and or organisation that donated their time, money or equipment. Fundraisers and those who supported our fundraising. All the people who take part to make our Carnival a success. Thank you all very much.

Causewayhead WI



Silloth Brownies helping with the litter pick

The November meeting of the Causeway Head WI was held on 15th November.

Nominations for the committee were requested for the AGM. A list for the Xmas Party was circulated. Members who acted as collectors for the Eden Valley Hospice collection were thanked, a total of £464.54 was collected.

Reports on the Beach Clean and Discovery Centre garden were given. Invitations to West Newton and Crosby were received.

The President introduced the speaker for the evening Mrs Ann Bryson who gave a fascinating demonstration and

talk on Painting on Silk. Details of Ann's beginning in silk painting were explained and she then gave a step by step introduction to producing art work on silk. These can be turned into scarves, wall paintings, cards and other items for the more advanced painter. Mrs Liz Telford thanked Mrs Bryson on behalf of the members.

Flower Comp:
1st Mrs R Brooks,
2nd Mrs F Jackson
Xmas decoration:
1st Mrs D Maxwell,
2nd Mrs J Graham,
Drawing: 1st Mrs M Walker, 2nd Mrs A Dunbar, Grocery Parcel:
1st Mrs P Froggart,
2nd Mrs D Maxwell.

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Regular Weekly Events

Mondays
 Bingo – Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:15pm
 Domino Drive – Recreation Hall, Eden Street
 Playing Field @ 7:30pm

Tuesdays
 Silloth Open Door Group, Pop-In Lunch from 12–1pm @ St. Andrews Hall for donation
 Bingo – Bowling Club, Eden Street @ 7pm
 Whist Drive – Recreation Hall, Eden Street
 Playing Field @ 2pm

Wednesdays
 Coffee Morning – Silloth Nursing Home @ 10am
 Bingo – Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:30pm

Thursdays
 Market – Criffel Street 10am to 4pm
 Whist Drive – Recreation Hall, Eden Street
 Playing Field @ 7:30pm

Fridays
 Bingo – R.A.F.A. Club @ 7:30pm

Saturdays
 Bingo – Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:30pm
 Music & Dancing – R.A.F.A. Club, evening

Sundays
 Market – Criffel Street 10am to 4pm
 Market & Car Boot – Silloth Airfield 10am to 4pm
 RNLI – Exercise @ 10am
 Bingo – Bowling Club, Eden Street @ 7pm

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| Holme St. Cuthbert School | |
| Mawbray: | 01900 881242 |
| Holm Cultram Abbey CofE School | |
| Abbeystown: | 016973 61261 |
| MP, Tony Cunningham: | 01900 65815 |
| Abbeystown Library | 016973 61425 |
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This section is for your convenience, so please, let us know what you want included, also any changes to numbers.

Do you have an event in the area bounded by Abbeystown, Mawbray, Silloth, Skinburness, if so please let us know.

Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Hours

Sunday 11am-4pm

The shop closes on Sunday 16th December. Re-opening at Easter. Thank you to all our customers who have supported us throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you again in 2008.

Causewayhead Cemetery

The Council appeals to everyone to observe health and safety warnings concerning the access bridge to Causewayhead Cemetery.

Allerdale Borough Council has been forced to close to all vehicles the access bridge to Causeway Head cemetery at Silloth.

The Council closed the bridge following an engineer's report which stated that the bridge was unsafe for any weight over one tonne. The bridge remains open to pedestrians.

The Council is currently considering its options regarding the bridge and alternative methods for access. Investigation into whether the bridge can be repaired has highlighted that works would only increase the weight tolerance to two tonnes. Many of the vehicles that would be crossing the bridge, such as those belonging to monumental masons, weigh more than this. Repair work would not,

therefore, resolve the issue.

In the immediate future, the bridge will remain open to pedestrians. The Council recognises there are issues regarding the traffic on the road that joins the bridge and apologises for any inconvenience. They are talking to the County Highways authority and the Police about issues regarding the speed limit and how best to manage the traffic on this road. We would ask motorists to take care when passing the cemetery as people will be parking there regularly at all times of the day.

It has been brought to our attention that some vehicles have been parking on the bridge and are putting their safety at risk. We would appeal to motorists not to ignore the tape which restricts access for vehicles to the bridge.

Further measures to prevent vehicles accessing the bridge are being planned.

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 and
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If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note that the next copy date is:
7th December 2007

Dates for the Diary

December

1st Holme St. Cuthbert School Christmas Fayre, Mawbray Village Hall 2pm

6th Taste of Christmas Pop-In from 11:45am to 1pm at Trinity Methodist Church

7th Fundraising Dance at Stanwix Park, tickets £5

8th Humpty Dumpty at Wigton Theatre Club
 Tel: 016973 44620

9th Evening Carol Service at Trinity Methodist Church, 6pm

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10th Solway Coast Neighbourhood Forum

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11th Tea Dance in Solway Community technology College 1:45pm to 3:45pm

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12th Humpty Dumpty at Wigton Theatre Club
 Tel: 016973 44620

13th Flimby Saxhorn Silver Band in Mawbray Village Hall @ 7:30pm, tickets £4.50 inc mulled wine & mince pie

13th Humpty Dumpty at Wigton Theatre Club
 Tel: 016973 44620

December cont'd

14th Christ Church Mens Choir Christmas Concert

14th Humpty Dumpty at Wigton Theatre Club
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15th Crunch Service Skinburness Road car park: 9am to 11am

15th Abbeystown Toddlers & Holme Cultram Abbey Christmas Fayre 10am to noon in Abbeystown Village Hall

15th Humpty Dumpty at Wigton Theatre Club
 Tel: 016973 44620

15th Wigton Choral Society Christmas Concert St Mary's Church, Wigton @ 7:30pm, tickets £7/£2 from Croft House Cards or tel:01228 710755

16th Humpty Dumpty at Wigton Theatre Club
 Tel: 016973 44620

January

10th Skinburness Residents Association meeting in Golf Hotel @ 8pm

19th Crunch Service Skinburness Road car park: 9am to 11am

February

5th Playhouse Creatures at Wigton Theatre Club
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19th Holme Low Parish Council Meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

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Masthead Bee Winner

This month the winner is Robyn Scott from Silloth Primary School with a bee called "Queen Bee". Well done Robyn!

Errors do occur in Dates for the Diary Please check before attending an event

March

15th Crunch Service Skinburness Road car park: 9am to 11am

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Putting the Record Straight

The Skinburness Hotel, an explanation by Peter Wise.

Back in February I attended the auction of the contents of the hotel, primarily out of interest and curiosity. However, whilst there the realisation occurred to me that this architecturally beautiful building, although bereft of many of its original features due to the earlier refurbishments of the 1980's was going to be lost forever.

On walking around the hotel it became apparent that the two main architectural features which remained were the two sets of stairs; the main cast iron staircase and an additional wrought iron staircase with a carved wooden hand rail. It didn't take long to realise that if these items were not bought and secured for the area they would be lost forever. It was due to this that I bid on and fortunately won both sets of stairs.

Right from the word go it was always my intention to keep hold of the stairs until a final

decision was made on the hotel. Therefore prior to the removal of the stairs every detail was documented, measured, catalogued and photographed in such away that they can easily be restored to their rightful place. As much care as possible was taken on the removal of the stairs under the circumstances as they were required to be removed on the final day before the hotel doors were boarded up. I can therefore assure all those concerned that the stairs are still in my possession and have not been sold on Ebay, auctioned at Sotheby's, nor are they in the Reading Rooms at Allonby, contrary to current speculation. I have however been approached by prospective buyers and several offers have been made, but in my opinion they belong in the hotel, as it is an integral part of the heritage of the town.

So once again, I'd like to reiterate to the community of Silloth and to the Save Our Skinburness committee that the stairs will

remain in my possession until a decision has been made about the future of the building. As a local business man, I am in full support of the growth and expansion of the town and believe that the loss of the hotel would be a loss for the community of Silloth.

If anyone has any queries or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch on 01900 881156 or 07732 690696.

Footnote from Peter McRobert, Chairman, Save Our Skinburness.

Immediately after the auction, Peter Wise came to me and said he successfully bid for the stairs. He said that he would remove them carefully and put them in storage until such time as they could be reinstated. Peter has kept in touch ever since, and I know he has refused some very profitable offers, but is determined to see the stairs restored. It is very disappointing that defamatory rumours are being spread when he has risked a significant amount of personal money for the sake of the local environment.

Opendoor Trip

Report by: Graham Wilkinson

On a fine autumnal morning Sarah gathered her supporters outside St Andrews Church Hall to await the arrival of the community bus, with Dave Nichol at the wheel.

After loading boxes and baskets 16 friends boarded for a day trip to Windermere, the sun shone brightly as we made our way down the coast to Maryport. Onward to Cockermouth then the A66 to Keswick travelling alongside Bassenthwaite Lake the autumn colours starting to show in the bright sunshine. Passing through Keswick to climb Nest Brow giving a lovely view of a mist capped Helvelyn then alongside Thirlmere lake now more visible since they felled a large amount of the trees between the road and Lake, over the top of Dunmail Raise to pass through Grasmere and Ambleside.

We arrived at Bowness-on-Windermere at 11.30am to have a wander by the lake and to look round the shops. Leaving at 1 o'clock we travelled back out of Bowness to Millers Road picnic area and it was now time to find out what was in the boxes loaded at Silloth. We seated ourselves around the tables and each received a picnic

bag, sandwich, sausage roll, crisps, apple and chocolate biscuits with tea or coffee served up as well, we all enjoyed the feed.

Then it was onward to Lakeland Plastics to wander around and make purchases, how time flies when your having fun, 4.30pm and we set off for home retracing our route arriving back in Silloth at 6.15pm. Everyone agreed it had been a wonderful day and praised Sarah for organising it. Please support the group on a Tuesday lunch time in St Andrews Hall, soup, sandwiches etc., all for a donation.

RNLI Donation

A long time visitor to the area who has had a caravan on Midtown Farm Caravan Park at Skinburness for the past ten years, has unfortunately died on 1st November.

Maureen Lees from Manchester had asked that donations were given at her funeral instead of flowers, as she wanted to support her favourite charities.

£500 was collected and as per her wishes £250 is being given to Silloth RNLI and the other £250 is being given to the Lancashire Air Ambulance.

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Memory Walk Fundraiser

The staff, relatives and friends of Little Acre Care Home are proud to announce that they raised a total of £856 for the Alzheimer's Society during their recent Memory Walk to the far reaches of Grune Point.

All those involved in what was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon would like to thank their sponsors for their generosity. Although unlikely to read this, special thanks to the (mostly Glaswegian) holiday makers at Stanwix Holiday Park who, with the encouragement of Eric Stanwix (Jnr) raised a tidy sum when a bucket was passed amongst them by Betty Tinnion.

Finally the refreshments prepared and served by Mr & Mrs Randell during the afternoon were greatly appreciated by the participants of the walk.

The next fundraising event at Little Acre will be a quiz which is being planned for early next year - watch the Buzz for further details.

Bertie Busy Bee by Finn Graham from Abbeystown

Five Star Gincase

The Gincase has scored the top five-star rating following a recent inspection by Allerdale Borough Council.

"We're delighted to have been awarded the five stars", says Val Natrass of The Gincase, especially as we didn't know the inspection team were due to call.

"We always strive to offer the very best in hospitality and service, so this award is a real boost to the business and reward for all our hard work!"

Allerdale's scheme is a major web-based information campaign to promote food safety, and Cumbria's six local authorities are uploading information about their food hygiene inspections onto a national "Scores on the Doors" website aimed at promoting good practice within the food industry.

"Not only can we offer the delights of a traditional Tea Room and quality Craft Barn and Gallery", says Val's

husband, John, "but the Farm Park is now open all year round. Such is the demand by visitors that we've opened a large indoor Play Barn in addition to the popular outdoor play area next to the tearoom. It's already been a big hit with visitors and families."

The Gincase award-winning farm attraction is situated in a quiet and beautiful rural location only one mile from the picturesque Solway Coast, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and, when the tearoom opened in 2004, won a prestigious Cumberland News Countryside 'Herdie' Award in 2005.

This year's festive events include Christmas Party Nights, Christmas lunches throughout December, and the delightful Santa's Grotto.

The Gincase is open from 10:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday to Sunday until 16th December, re-opening on Saturday 2nd February 2008.



Remembrance Day Service



Report by: Shona Nicoll Poppy Organiser

At Silloth on Solway Remembrance Day Service the Standards were from the Royal British Legion, The

Burglar Bee by Harris de Mello from Holme St Cuthbert School

Royal British Legion Womens Section, Royal Air Forces Association, the Brownies which was carried by Miss Charlotte Robertshaw.

Wreaths were laid by R.B.L. Mr. Ken Blake R.B.L. W.S. Mrs. Lambport R.N. Cadets H.M.S. Biter, R.A.F.A. Mr. T. Dennet, Town Council Mayor Graeme Wilkinson Church Council Mrs. J. Oliver Masonic Lodge

Mr. A. Trespaderne R.N.L.I. Mr E. Studholme Over 60s Mrs. Durham Brownies Miss. Phoebe Garret Rotary Mr. C. Harrison Fire Service Mr B. Wood First Responders Mr P. Gilmore.

After the Wreath laying outside Christ Church, the Naval Cadets went down to St Pauls to lay Poppy Crosses on War Graves.

I would like to thank all who took part in the service in any way.

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Craigendoran Steamers Book Launch

Relaunch of local authors book Craigendoran Steamers.

P.S. Waverley, the last seagoing paddle steamer in the world and also the last of the Craigendoran steamers, celebrated her 60th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion the Directors decided to

re-issue an updated version of the book Craigendoran Steamers, written by Alan Brown of the Tarns in 1975.

Sadly Alan died in 2005 and therefore his widow Connie was invited to go to Glasgow to help launch the book on board the Waverley. This was performed during a sail from Glasgow on Friday 17th August, to Dunoon and Rothesay and was covered by the local press.

The book initially highlights the fortunes of the North British Railway Company, it had gained control of the cross river ferries of the Forth and Tay with the absorption of the Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee Railway and from Silloth, on



Connie Brown with Alan's book

the Solway Firth, it was developing steam packet services locally and to Liverpool, Belfast, Douglas and Dublin.

The Silloth link lay in the fact that the second ship built for the North British Railway Company in 1864 was named Waverley and intended for the Dublin service. Unfortunately she proved unreliable and was sold on. Waverley (2) was built in 1865 at Inglis on the Clyde to replace her. The expected increase in traffic on the Irish route failed to appear and the North British suffered a major financial crisis and she was sold in 1868.

In 1882 the Craigendoran on the north bank of the Clyde became the headquarters of the North British

Railways Clyde fleet.

Waverley (3) emerged from Inglis Pointhouse in 1899, a larger faster ship specifically designed for cruising. During the 1939-45 war she joined the 12th Minesweeping Flotilla based at Harwich and was detailed to assist in the Dunkirk evacuation. She was returning to England with 600 troops on board when she was attacked by German Aircraft and sank. The present Waverley

was built to replace her in 1947 and after being withdrawn from service in 1973 the Paddle Preservation Society formed Waverley Steam Navigation Company and Waverley (4) was given a new lease of life.

After her £7 million restoration over the winters of 1999-2000 and 2002-2003 Waverley was regarded as a ship of pre-eminent national importance along with the former Royal Yacht Britannia.

If anyone would like details of excursions or a copy of Craigendoran Steamers, please contact Waverley Excursions Ltd. Waverley Terminal, 36 Lancefield Quay, Glasgow, G3 8HA. Tel: 0141 221 8152.

Volunteer of the Year Award

Lawrence Marshall was a well deserved Runner-Up in the Volunteer of the Year Award..

Lawrence is well known in the district and was nominated as an entry in the Cumbria Community Awards organised and Sponsored by Cumbria County Council with Sponsors CN Group, North West Regional Development Group, University of Cumbria, Resource Cumbria, Studsvik, Cumbria Constabulary, Oceeac, hfolidays, The Edinburgh Woollen Mill, and Digital UK.

Lawrence now in his 70's was nominated for his help and work locally which includes being a member of Silloth Council from 1991 to 2002 and Mayor in 1995 and 96. He was instrumental with planting daffodils, and The Millennium Cairn on the Green.

He first took part in The Carnival in 1946 as a Crown-bearer, in 1972 joined the committee and became chairman for 10 years. He was involved with the attendance of the Red Arrows in the 2006 Carnival.

A regular attendee at Christ Church, was Warden one year (now a deputy Warden), and a member of the Men's Choir.



Photo courtesy of Cumberland Newspaper

John Askew, Regional Manager of the Border region, Digital UK with Laurence Marshall of Silloth, runner up in the Cumbria Community Awards 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award and his wife Mary

He is a Trustee of Silloth Nursing Home and Sea Dyke Charity.

Community Voluntary Bus driver 1993- 2005 and on committee, and has been Treasurer for the last five years.

Organiser for the Monday Luncheon Club.

Original committee member of Vintage Rally, and also involved as judge at Ploughing and Vintage Rallies.

Regular competitor in Dialect competition.

Past member of the Round Table and served as Chairman in 1975, he is now a member of the 41 Club.

Amongst the many things he is seen helping in the town is installing the lights and bunting for various events. He is also most noted for his

efforts in announcing and co-ordinating by microphone at various events.

A panel of eight judges had to assess many entries in 13 sections, Lawrence was entered into the Volunteer of the Year award. This was narrowed down until he was one of the two finalists in his section. This took him to a Red Carpet evening at the Rheged Centre where all the finalists were entertained to dinner.

But alas, Lawrence was beaten by extra strong opposition in the form of two ladies from West Cumbria, who in his own words deserved to win for the work they do.

This was typical of Lawrence for giving praise where it is due.

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International It's a Knockout - Silloth-on-Solway 2007

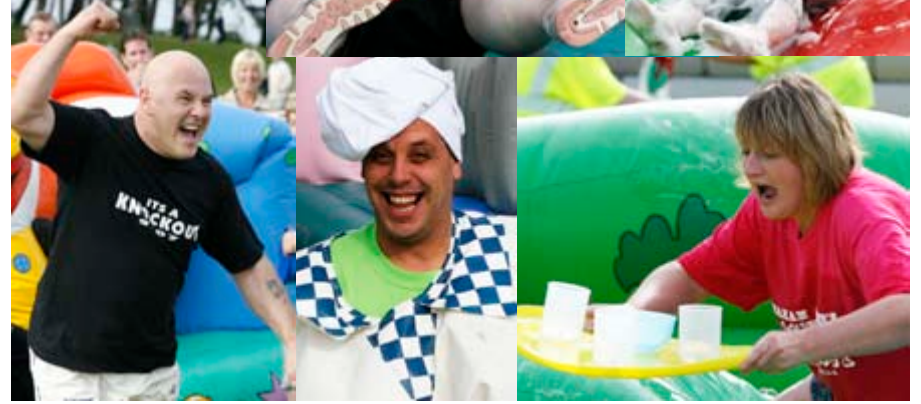
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It's a Knockout visited Silloth again after organiser Peter Gilmour managed to receive financial support from Silloth Festivals Ltd, S.O.S.C.S. and Silloth Rotary.

A full compliment of children's teams competed on the Saturday and the adults teams competed on the Sunday. Although fun was the main order of the day, many teams also raised money for their favourite charities. The team from Silloth Surgery raised £275 for the Air Ambulance, and enjoyed it so much they are getting into training for 2008. Staff who didn't compete each gave £5 and many patients also contributed.

Junior winners were The Abba Crew sponsored by Holm Abbey Construction. The adult winners were Silloth Football Club.



JCB Bee by Andrew Wise from Holme St. Cuthbert School



Buster Bee by Joshua Graham from Silloth Primary School



Arty Bee by Kate Feltham from Bouncing Babies Childminder

Free Cigarette Bins

The government has recently introduced laws that ban smoking in enclosed public places. This has driven the problem outside, but here too, both businesses and smokers can still fall foul of the law. To help, Allerdale Borough Council have a number of wall mountable cigarette bins to give away free.

These bins are available only for public houses, nightclubs, private members clubs, and betting shops, as there is a limited supply.

Relevant businesses will have received letters with a leaflet offering the bins. Only one per premises can be supplied on a first come first served basis. If any public house, nightclub, private members club or betting shop has not received a letter and would like to register for a free cigarette bin, they should phone the Environmental Health department on 01900 702590.

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A Touch of Beauty will be visiting Toddlers on 4th & 25th October,
15th November & 6th December so why not come along & pamper yourself!)

Mayors Report

October 2007
by Mayor Graham Wilkinson.

Further discussions took place regarding the future of the Youth Club with a joint approach by the Council and Solway Community T. C. some funding has been identified and Music Link are interested in being involved.

Committee reports: The Play Equipment Committee produced estimates for replacement of items within the Eden Street Playing Field, it was agreed to give the contract to a local supplier rather than national one.

Regeneration; more funding has been found for the work between the RNLI slipway and the Dock entrance. Official word is expected on the H.L. fund bid for the preliminary Lottery Bid in respect of the Green and surrounding area.

A request to place a memorial seat next to the tennis courts on Skinburness Road was agreed and a concrete base is to be constructed.

Request for funding towards tourist brown signs from the M6 Penrith & Carlisle to Silloth this was agreed in principal however full costings have not yet been received and this may be spread over several years.

November 2007
I attended The Mayor of Allerdale tour of the Borough.

Police reported on incidents, thefts of bicycles along with criminal damage and complaints re-children with footballs adjacent to houses. Posters were being put up around the town regarding inconsiderate drivers parking on dropped crossings and road ends, etc. the police will follow this up with warnings.

Cumbria Highways detailed the work to be carried out on trees and footpaths, Cumbria County Council requested the views of the Council on a request to delete a public footpath, the Council voted against it, remedial work to the road leading to the Rugby Club will be attended to, a request from the residents of the Lido Village asking if the footpath could be provided on the north side of the Wigton Road so they do not have to cross on the blind corner, this will be passed to Cumbria Highways, a request to site a memorial seat close to Eastcote lighthouse was agreed.

Christmas lights for the town, the order has been placed with United Utilities to provide supplies and they should be in very soon.

Local Group Raises £2,870



L-R: Gladys Warbrick, Charlie Morris, Shirley Morris, Pat Ostell, Kathy Clark, Shirley Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Ray Clark, Daisy McVittie, Johnny Scott, Tom McVittie, Eileen Jones, Gary Ware, Stevie Vegas, Joan Bennett, Sid, Molly Graham, John Graham

Shirley and Charlie Morris held another Charity Dance in Silloth Social Club on Halloween.

Many dressed up for the occasion and had a great evening. Shirley and Charlie presented £1,000 for the Heart Fund to Anna & Penny, from the Cumberland Infirmary. Charlie knows first hand just how much good work is done as he has had four pacemakers fitted.

They also donated £1,000 raised from their dances and raffles to

the Cancer Unit at the Carlisle Infirmary. Kathy Clark, a regular attendee at these events, was delighted when she was asked to hand over the money to breast cancer nurse Wendy on behalf of the Hospital.

Charlie and Shirley donated the last of their charity funds raised at dances in Silloth Social Club to Donnas Dream House in Blackpool. This is a place for children who have just six weeks to live to have a final holiday with their family, with all worries removed. Children go there from all over the country, but without donations it could not continue.

Charlie and Shirley would like to thank everyone who supports their fundraising events so generously.



Halloween Bee
by Kylie Richardson
from
Holm Cultram Abbey School

Estate Agents Merge



Richard Johnston in the Silloth office

Two of the region's longest established independent Estate Agency Offices have amalgamated.

Hopes of Wigton have taken over the Silloth office of Thomson, Roddick and Laurie, who were in their 24th year in Station Road, Silloth at the time of the merger.

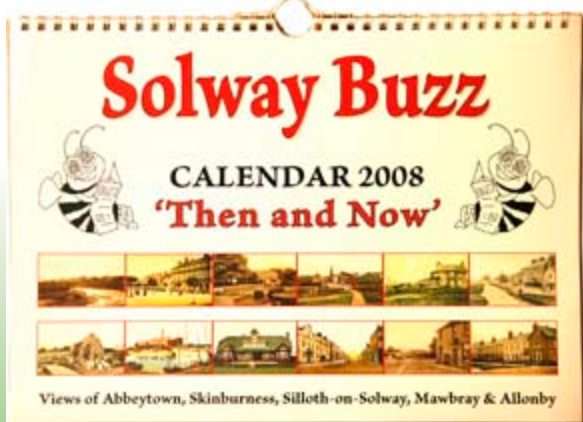
A joint statement said "The merger of the two offices by Companies of a similar ethic is seen as a very positive step by Hopes in a planned expansion to form one of the strongest Independent Estate Agents in this area. Increasing our profile in this competitive business can only benefit our clients in a very positive way and widens the service and coverage provided to our client base."

"Professional staffing

of the Estate Agencies will continue as before with David Bulman FRICS running the Wigton Office. Richard Johnston FNAEA running the Silloth office with Joanne Scott continuing to carry out secretarial and administration work for Richard.

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At this time of the year houseplants become more readily available and thousands of these are bought either as presents or to brighten up the house. These plants are grown in artificial conditions which cannot be reproduced in our dry centrally heated homes and the plants we buy often sulk in protest at their changed conditions. Perhaps the one thing



house plants object to most is getting cold. For this reason they should not be kept behind drawn curtains or carried to the car in freezing temperatures. Most plants have a little care card with them which is useful to read. This gives you information on siting the plant, how much water to give it and how frequently. Most plants like a good light but not direct sunlight, being given a drink once a week from below (too much water is as harmful as not enough), and benefit from frequent misting and occasional feeding with a proprietary house plant food.

On a technical note 22nd November 2007 was the last day that

weed killers containing ammonium sulphamate could be sold to amateur gardeners - although they can be stored and used until 22nd May 2008. The

reason these products are being withdrawn is that none of the manufacturers submitted data for the EC review programme - in many cases because it wasn't commercially viable to provide the data, rather than because of a specific safety concern. Products affected may change their formulation, but keep their name.

The codes given below (labelled in small print on the packaging) will identify them. Withdrawn products include: Doff weed killers M12217, M11991, M12242 and M03510; Growing Success Bramble Killer M12530; 'Deep Root' range M08368, M09365, M11389 and M10640;

and Ivy Killers M11440 and M11439. Meanwhile, chemical companies such as Bayer and Scotts are bringing out new weed killers for 2008.

- Winter tasks (if you are so inclined)
1. Check your winter protection structures are still securely in place
 2. Check that greenhouse heaters are working properly
 3. Protect outside taps from freezing with insulation or a tap jacket
 4. Prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls)
 5. Prune acers, birches and vines, if necessary, before Christmas to avoid bleeding
 6. Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops
 7. Deciduous trees shrubs and hedges can still be planted and transplanted
 8. Hardwood cuttings can be taken of many shrubs
 9. Try to keep mice away from stored produce
 10. Reduce watering of houseplants
- Enjoy your gardening.

Abbeytown Flower Club

Chairman Ruth Pinguey welcomed everyone to the November Meeting and read the record of the October Meeting.

The New Year Dinner will be at the Kelsay Hotel on 17th January and a menu was passed round for people to choose their meal.

Ruth introduced Elaine Forester, her sister Julie and her Mum June whose theme was Christmas Flowers. June told stories of when she had the flower shop in Wigton and some of funny happenings recently while the girls arranged the flowers. Elaine began with two simple mirrored cubes filled with nine red roses and decorated with gold wire and sprayed with snow. They were very easily made but looked stunning. Julie made a table centre in the shape of a wreath from evergreen, artificial fruits and cinnamon sticks, Elaine followed with a

large artificial amaryllis surrounded by red roses, carnations and artificial evergreen to put on a coffee table. Julie made a beautiful tied bunch of mixed flowers and Elaine finished off by decorating a gold bowl with red roses, red carnations evergreens, holly and ivy.

Lesley Evans thanked the ladies for a very enjoyable evening. Joyce Wilson sold raffle tickets for the flowers and the winners were Phyllis Dockeray, Pam Taylor, Marion Jefferson, Noeline Foster and Lesley Evans.

Phyllis Dockeray, Margaret Todd and Pam Taylor served refreshments and the winners of the competition for Christmas wrapping paper were Audrey Harrison, Noeline Foster and Elsie Foster.



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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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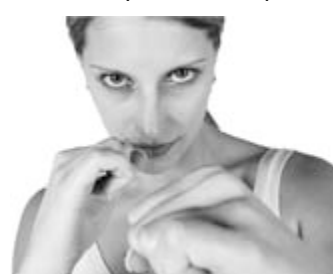
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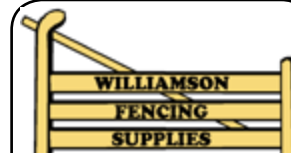
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| 3RD. MON. | 0648 | 5.3 | 1909 | 5.6 |
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| 5TH. WED. | 0843 | 5.7 | 2102 | 6.0 |
| 6TH. THUR. | 0928 | 6.1 | 2147 | 6.2 |
| 7TH. FRI. | 1009 | 6.4 | 2227 | 6.4 |
| 8TH. SAT. | 1046 | 6.6 | 2303 | 6.5 |
| 9TH. SUN. | 1120 | 6.8 | 2338 | 6.6 |
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| 13TH. THUR. | 0127 | 6.5 | 1345 | 6.8 |
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| 16TH. SUN. | 0340 | 6.1 | 1604 | 6.5 |
| 17TH. MON. | 0435 | 5.8 | 1701 | 6.3 |
| 18TH. TUES. | 0537 | 5.7 | 1805 | 6.3 |
| 19TH. WED. | 0646 | 5.7 | 1911 | 6.3 |
| 20TH. THUR. | 0752 | 6.0 | 2016 | 6.5 |
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| 24TH. MON. | 1133 | 7.5 | **** | ** |
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| 26TH. WED. | 0049 | 7.5 | 1308 | 7.6 |
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| 28TH. FRI. | 0224 | 7.0 | 1441 | 7.3 |
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On the Waterfront

Report by: Tommy Legs

October proved to
be a busier month with
seven vessels visiting the
port.

The Ukrainian
molasses tanker
ZAPADNYY paid two
visits with cargoes from
Dublin and Gdansk.

The NORDSTRAND
brought fertilizer from
Ijmuiden, the SELENE
PRAHM brought
wheat from Rostock in
Germany and the BEN
ELLAN arrived with
a cargo of wheat from
Liverpool.

Finally the
EMSLAND came
with paper pulp from
Antwerp and the
AJOS-G brought a cargo
of fertilizer from Sfax in
North Africa.

Arthritis Group

Edna Marper
welcomed everyone to
the November Meeting
and sent best wishes to
Edna Hind in hospital
and Dorethy Watson just
home from hospital.

Lists were sent round
with menus for the
New Year Party and
Edna then introduced
Jackie Cooper, Medical
Herbalist from
Brampton.

Jackie belongs to the
National Institute of
Medical Herbalists and
took a four year degree
in Herbal Medicine. She
uses mostly tinctures
from British Plants but
also makes drinks from
herbal teas, creams and
some tablets. Different
parts of the plants are
used for various ailments
for example roots,
seeds, flowers or leaves.
Dandelion leaves are
used for kidney ailments
while the root is used
on the liver. Hawthorn

berries for blood pressure
but the leaves on the
nervous system.

Hippocrates used
herbs and wrote
that everyone reacts
differently so the
whole person should be
treated and not just the
ailment. The colour of
the flowers on the plants
gives an indication of
the properties. Blue
for emotional, Red for
blood, white for spiritual
and yellow for liver and
intestine.

Jackie explained
the difference between
Homeopathy and
Herbalism. Everyone
received a small glass of
Lime flavoured herbal
tea and were asked what
effect it seemed to have.

Jack Bray thanked
Jackie for a very
interesting talk.

Several people bought
herbal teas.

Ann Mossop won the
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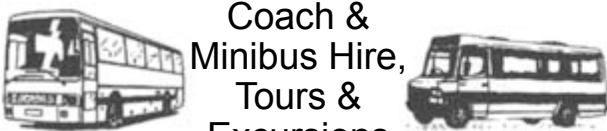
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possible to have both care from the council and a Direct Payment for some of the things you need. Carers can use them to organise respite care at home or away from home. You can use them for minor adaptations and equipment where the standard issue equipment is not what you want. You can take your Direct Payment on holiday with you and purchase care at your destination. Here are some examples of how people are taking control and making the choices that they want.

If you think Direct Payments might be right for you or someone you know, then contact your local Adult Social Care Office or contact the Direct Payment Advice and Support Service by ringing them on 0845 124 9303 or emailing them at:

cumbriadp@aol.com.



Buzzy by Michael from St. Bedes School Carlisle

Eat for Health

Silloth Health Matters "Eat for Health" Event

On Wednesday 21st November, the Silloth Health Matters group organised an Eat for Health event at St Andrews Church hall. All attendees enjoyed a very interesting and informative healthy eating cookery demonstration by John Crouch, followed by the tasting of his delicious food.

The Silloth Health Matters group grew out of a recognition that tackling health issues is fundamental to improving the quality of life in Silloth. Initially the group funded training courses to improve knowledge of health issues, but since then we have funded an Arthritis Awareness day and a Health Promotion day.

Look out for further events in the Spring.

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A.B.C. Standards Committee

Allerdale Borough Council is looking to recruit a member of the public to sit on its Standards Committee.

The Standards Committee was formed in 2001 as part of the Council's commitment to the promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct by councillors.

The Committee assists borough, parish and town councillors to observe the Code of Conduct and, in certain circumstances, will hear matters referred to it by the Standards Board for England. These hearings will be heard locally from April 2008, which makes this an exciting time to contribute towards the valuable and interesting work of this Committee.

The Committee comprises three independent members of the public, two representatives of town or parish councils and two borough councillors, and meets bimonthly but

can meet more often if circumstances dictate.

Anyone who has been an Allerdale Borough Council officer or Allerdale Borough councillor within the past five years need not apply, nor need anyone who is a relative or a close friend of an Allerdale Borough councillor or officer or who is or has been politically active.

No salary is payable, but the Council will reimburse reasonable costs incurred in travelling to meetings, usually held in Allerdale House, Workington.

Application forms and further details are available from the Democratic Services team, Allerdale Borough Council, Allerdale House, Workington, Cumbria CA14 3YJ, by telephoning 01900 326340 or emailing sheila.brown@allerdale.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is Monday 3rd December 2007.

Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

President Audrey Harrison welcomed everyone thanking Joyce Wilson for the flowers on the president's table.

Freda Garner read the minutes and reminded members we were invited to Newton Arlosh and West Newton the first week in December, a list was sent round for those wishing to go.

One team has been entered in the Darts competition. The menu for the Christmas Dinner at Wheyrigg was sent round for everyone to choose. Freda reminded winners of last year's trophies to return them next month.

As our speaker had forgotten about our meeting we were lucky that Joyce Donaldson was able to step in at short notice. She began with reading some dialect poems then produced some of her craft work for us to admire. It was like a magic basket with boxes of different shapes

and sizes Joyce had made with various coloured materials. There were lovely sewing boxes that opened out to show needles, scissors, threads etc, there were triangular, cubes, diamond shaped and each one nicer than the last. Joyce told the history of each one and in between read dialect stories and poems. Isobel Hurst thanked Joyce for a lovely demonstration showing us how versatile she was.

The winner of the compact competition was Gladys Temple, 2nd Freda Garner who also won the flower of the month, 2nd Elsie Donald. The raffle winners were Mavis Graham and Elsie Foster. Elinor Roper's group organised card bingo with lots of prizes.

Next month is the Annual Meeting and a request was made for items for a buffet supper. The competition will be a sheet of Christmas wrapping paper and a flower.

Gincase Holds First Open Exhibition

The very first Open Exhibition to be held by The Gincase runs until Sunday 16th December.

Open to artists living in Cumbria, this new venture aims to celebrate the wonderful range of art produced within the county.

"The aim is to provide a platform for new and existing talent to showcase their work, as well as seeking fresh ideas for The Gincase

Gallery and exploring innovative ways of bringing art to the attention of the public", explains John Natrass of The Gincase.

"Our current exhibitions and attractions have proved to be very popular and we're delighted to be able to stage this event, which was opened by local MP Tony Cunningham", says John. "Events like this are also a great boost to

the local rural economy and attract tourists to the area - there is so much on offer in this area of outstanding natural beauty on the Solway Plain."

Artists were invited to submit both 2D and 3D works of art for selection for the Open Exhibition, which will be open from Tuesday to Sunday each week from 10:30am to 4:30pm, admission free.

Abbeytown Toddlers & Holme Cultram Abbey Christmas Fayre

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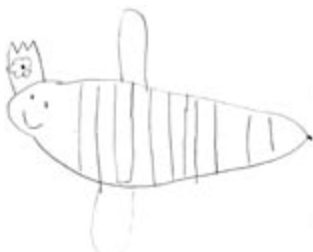
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C.U.F.C. Mascot for a Day



Jack Winter, son of Stewart and Karen Winter, was chosen to be the mascot for Carlisle United on 1st September. He had a tour of the ground, changing rooms, physio room and directors area. He was also allowed to go in the Radio Cumbria commentary box.

After a kick around on the pitch with the players he sat down to enjoy the next 90 minutes. He had a brilliant day and to top it off Carlisle beat Cheltenham Town 1 - 0.



Buzzy Bee
by Eve Fisher
from
Holme St. Cuthbert School

Rugby Club Presentation



Peter Wise handing over the shirt he kindly donated to the Hospice at Home Fundraiser

On 4th November Silloth Tigers played a charity game against the mighty Cumbria Rams. This was the Annual Jim Brough Memorial Game and also a charity fundraiser for the Hospice at Home fund.

The game was played in the usual excellent manner with players like Sandy Butler, Jimmy Miller, Neil Carruthers and Nigel Brown showing the young players how the game should be played. The final result was Silloth Tigers 34 - Cumbria Rams 21.

The auction was a huge success with £482

being raised. The club made it up to £500 that will be sent to West Cumbria Hospice at Home.

A Carlisle United autographed shirt donated by David Allen Accountants raised £105.

A special bottle of House of Commons Whisky donated by Tony Cunningham and autographed by the prime minister Mr Gordon Brown raised £75.

A fully signed Northampton Saint shirt donated by Mr Peter Wise, our main sponsor for 2007/2008 season raised £85.

Silloth Tennis Club



Julie Hurst's quest to become the first four-time winner of a club championship crashed and burned as Dawn Graham and Emily Wise put paid to Julie and Hannah Story's chances by winning the club under 16 doubles final 6-4, 6-0.

In the boys it all came down to the match tie-break in the final as Rory Johnstone and Luke Graham edged out Robert Jefferson and Adam Story by 11 points to nine after sharing the first two sets.

Adam Story followed in the footsteps of sister Hannah by claiming the County mini Tennis green title at Ulverston.

After the torrential weather conditions caused the regional event to be abandoned at the semi-final stages it was anyone's guess as to who would be victorious and Silloth's Greg Ramsay, James Holyoake, Kirsty Girdler, Reece Blake, and of course, Adam were pretty confident of doing well. Their confidence wasn't misplaced as they dominated proceedings with Adam defeating Cleator Moor's Daniel Graham, Greg beating Whitehaven's Jack Bitcon in the plate final, Reece making the quarter finals and Kirsty losing out in the semi final to make it another great day for the club.



Locals Meet on Skiddaw



L-R: Peter Long, Fred Irving, Jim Graham, Joe Hoodless in the background Alan Watmough & Joe Kellett

Geoff Bland was surprised on a dull day in August to find four well known faces on Skiddaw Top. So that proves it's not only visitors who climb Skiddaw.

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Silloth Tennis Club



The increasingly imperious Greg Ramsay showed just why he is heading the race for 2008's County Team by sweeping through Silloth Tennis Club's 6th mini green championships with some scintillating Tennis.

From the word go Greg was off and running and after wins against Mark Beaty, James Holyoake and Kevin Brown in the group stages the good form continued as he overcame the ever improving Ross Jefferson and the ever

consistent Joel Baker to become champion for the first time, with Tom Beaty continuing the good form of the young players as he beat Cameron Moore in the plate final.

The girls' event was something of a letdown in comparison to the boys as holidays and football matches meant that only two players were available, despite the scoreline it was a pretty good contest as Emily Wise beat Carmen Neilly 10-1, 10-3 to claim the prize.

Silloth Football Club

Report by: Colin Baty

The Football season is well under way with all Silloth's teams competing in their respective leagues.

The men's team are currently lying in mid table of the County Premier League having won 4 and lost 4. We are always on the lookout for players especially if you are in your late teens or early twenties. Get yourself down to the Sports Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday's. A few players have left and we know there is talent going to waste!

The U-14's are also doing far better than last season and are in the top half of the league having won 3 drawn 2 and lost 4. Lets keep it going!

The U-11's, although low in numbers, have plenty in talent and are a match for any team in the league having won 4 drawn 1 and lost 1. Both the U-14's and 11's should have received their new strips based on the classic blue and white quartered shirts that Silloth Recreation wore for many years, including when they were based in Blitterlees. We gratefully thank the Cumbria Community Foundation and Atlas Concrete Works for sponsoring those strips.

The U-10's have a larger squad but have come up against some of the better teams. They have recently won their first game and have drawn one with four defeats. They too have a new strip which Jaybee Blake's of Silloth have

kindly sponsored.

The U-8's are in their first season and after a few tough games they are getting better every game and managed their first win of the season 4-1 against Stanwix Wasps. All these results are of the start of November.

Every team member has received a training top sponsored by Stanwix Holiday Park. We would also like to thank: Enkev, Carr's Mill and the Solway Coast Neighbourhood Forum for their sponsorship.

We would really like to start training for an U-12's Girls team for league entry next season. If you could help get this off the ground then please contact Mary Hillhouse on 016973 32235.

Congratulations go to Cally Martin who has been selected to play for the County U-14 Girl's team and also to Melanie Irving and Karen Winter who both completed the Cumbrian Run half marathon with some of their sponsorship going to the club.

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