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'The 'Old Spice Girls' flew into Silloth and performed their first hit live on stage for the Silloth Christmas Lights spectacular switch-on.

Many thanks to Posh Spice (Stephen Graham), Ginger Spice (Gary Winter), Baby Spice (Dave English), Scary Spice (Johnstone Forster) And Sporty Spice (Malcolm Parker).

Without the help of many others this would have never happened, so for a start we would like to thank Jazzy Jim for his time and equipment, Roger & Becky Blake of Skyburst for donating the firework display, Hayley and Judith for mince pies and mulled wine, Corner Cafe for Santas Grotto, Fausto & Christine for rescuing us at the last minute with power supplies, the young band 'Blackcurrant Eyes', Sean Bell Electrical who dropped everything to make sure everything was connected, Andrew Reynolds for not keeping



Wilkinson for his speech, also everyone who turned up on the night. If you have helped in any way thank-you very much.

Biggest thanks go to Malcolm Parker, Johnstone Forster, Stephen Graham, Dave English and Billy Allison and their partners.



Celebrity Stars the 'Old Spice Girls' delight the crowds

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## Eyes Down, this is a Full Hall



Report by: Jackie Strick

On Friday 30th November it was eyes down for a full house in a very full house in Culterham Hall, Mawbray.

The event was a fundraising bingo evening in aid of Holme St. Cuthbert Church.

By the time 7:30pm came there wasn't a spare seat to be seen as many played bingo for the first time, taking this opportunity for a bit of fun. During the refreshment break cakes and home-made cards were sold, followed by the raffle. The evening ended with the final two games.

A big "thank you" to Annabell Armstrong, bingo caller for the evening, and everyone who supported this successful event.

The evening was very successful and raised £301 towards Holme St. Cuthbert Church funds.

Above: a very full house looking for a full house Below: Annabell Armstrong, bingo caller





## First Responders say Thank-You



Back Row Silloth First Responders. In the middle of them on the left Bruce Walton a director from Hopes Auctioneers Ltd and new owners of the Golf Hotel and on the right Robin Smith Director of RSG Group Ltd Front Row: Ladies From Silloth On Solway Charity Shop

A presentation night was held in the Fire Station to thank the SOSCS ladies, Bruce Walton from Hopes of Wigton / the Golf Hotel and Robin Smith from RSG Group Ltd for the money they gave to pay for and sponsor new

jackets and polo shirts for Silloth First Responders. The Responders are having the busiest year since starting up over five years ago with over 80 call outs so far this year.

We would like to say a big thank-you to everyone who has given a donation

## Abbeytown Bowling Club

#### Report by: Gladys Temple

Abbeytown Indoor Bowling Club played away at Bothel Village Hall.

**Bobby Watson** welcomed the visitors and explained the format for the evening. Five ends for each team before the Bothel members served a delicious supper. Five more ends were played and the home team were

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the victors. Donald Foster, Joyce Edwards and Joyce Wilson won raffle prizes and Audrey Harrison thanked Bothel for

A return match is to be arranged for January when we will get our revenge.

a very enjoyable evening and a lovely

supper.



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## Not For The Young, They Can't Cope

Congratulations to all the kids who were born in the 1940's, 50's, 60's & 70's !

First we survived being born to mother's who smoked and/or drank while they carried us.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a tin, and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitch-hiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a van - loose and bouncing around was always great fun.

We drank water from the garden hosepipe and NOT from a bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cakes, white bread and real butter and

drank pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because......

WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. And we were OK.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Play Stations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at, no 99 channels on the TV, no cell phones, no text messaging, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms ...... WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We played with worms and mud pies made from the dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

Made up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we did not poke out any eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them.

Local teams had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment - Imagine that!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law, and made sure that we knew it!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned

HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL! And you are one of them! WELL DONE!





L-R: Karen Graham, Andy Dalton from G.N.A.A. and Anneke Ramsay

A team of ten Cumberland Building Society staff entered the It's a Knockout competition on Silloth Green. The team was organised by Sarah

Dancing Queen Bee by Megan Heath from Silloth Primary School Carroll, and consisted of some of the Silloth staff, including Anneke Ramsay and Karen Graham, as well as staff from the Maryport and Workington offices.

The entry fee for the team was sponsored by Cumberland Building Society. The staff then displayed sponsorship forms in the branches and managed to raise £350.16 in total.

A big thank you to all of the customers who helped with sponsorship!



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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

#### Silloth Library

#### **Opening Hours:**

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Monday	2 p m - 6 p m					
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Do you have an event in the area bounded by Abbeytown, Mawbray, Silloth, Skinburness, if so please let us know.

## Abbeytown Flower Club

Report by: Gladys Temple Chairman Ruth

Pinguey welcomed everyone to the November 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 the 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

#### **Football Training**

#### SILLOTH FOOTBALL CLUB

All training takes place in the new Sports Hall

#### **Training Times 2008**

Under 8's Monday 5:30 to 6:30pm Contact Melanie Irving 32850 Under 10's Monday 4:30 to 5:30pm Contact Kevin Dixon 31954 Under 11's Thursday 4:30 to 5:30pm Contact Derek Wallace 32050 Under 14's

Friday 5:30 to 7pm Contact Colin Baty 32969 Open to boys and girls.

Membership forms available from all coaches.

Men's Training in the new Sports Hall Wed 8pm to 9:30pm Contact John Slack 31449

#### Silloth Tots & Toddlers

Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in Christ Church Hall, Silloth and is open to all

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.

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

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## Bee a Masthead Winner

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## Dates for the Diary

### Submit All 2008 Dates Now!

#### December

26th Brightside play at Silloth Rugby Club

30th Silloth Rugby Club's First Ever Fishing Competition on Silloth Promenade

#### January

AWOL play at Silloth Rugby Club at 3pm

8th Tea Dance at Solway Community College 1:45pm to 3:45pm, tel: 31528

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

11th Guided Bird Walk Along Grune Point, Meet at the Solway Coast Discovery Centre at 10am, Solway Coast Ranger 016973 33055

16th Voluntary Recruitment Slide Show And Talk. Solway Coast Discovery Centre from 2pm to 4pm Solway Coast Ranger 016973 33055

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

22nd Tea Dance at Solway Community College 1:45pm to 3:45pm, tel: 31528

#### February

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Tea Dance at Solway Community College 1:45pm to 3:45pm, tel: 31528

**Playhouse Creatures** at Wigton Theatre Club Tel: 016973 44620

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February cont'd 9th **Crunch Service** 

Skinburness Road car park: 9am to 11am

19th Tea Dance at Solway Community College 1:45pm to 3:45pm, tel: 31528

19th Holme Low Parish Council Meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

#### March

Women's World Day 7th of Prayer (interdenominational) service to be held in Christ Church

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

#### April

The Odd Couple at 22nd Wigton Theatre Club Tel: 016973 44620

**Playhouse Creatures** 23rd at Wigton Theatre Club Tel: 016973 44620

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25th Plavhouse Creatures at Wigton Theatre Club Tel: 016973 44620

Playhouse Creatures 26th at Wigton Theatre Club Tel: 016973 44620

#### May

20th Holme Low Parish Council Meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

#### August

19th Holme Low Parish Council Meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

#### September

4th Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2008 The Searchers

Silloth Music & Beer 5th Festival 2008 John Otway plus The Hamsters

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Proprietor: Peter McRobert Barn Cottage Skinburness, CA7 4RA Tel: 016973 32180 Fax: 016973 32133 Email: peter@solwaybuzz.co.uk

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We will accept letters, faxes or emails, but we do prefer emails as we do not have a typist to type your articles out.

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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.

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Date

children aged from 0 to 4.

Sessions are on: Wed: 9:30pm to 11am and Fridays: 9:30am to 11am

Entry is £1 per family and this includes refreshments All Welcome Call in for a friendly chat

Copy date for the February issue If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note that the next copy date is: 7th January 2007

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



This month the winner is Sadie Lewis from Holme St. Cuthbert School with a bee called "Buzzness Bee". Well done Sadie!

7th Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2008

#### November

18th Holme Low Parish Council Meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm



## **Christmas Arrangements**

Allerdale Borough Council's closure and refuse collection arrangements for Christmas and New Year period:

#### Office closure dates:

Customer Services Centre, Workington is closed from 4pm, 24th December (last cash payments taken at 3:30pm), re-opens 2nd January, (8:45am to 5pm).

The telephone line for domestic refuse and recycling enquiries, 01900 702800, will be open from 9am to 2pm on 27th, 28th and 31st December.

Allerdale House, Workington and Council Information Centres at Workington, Wigton, Keswick, Cockermouth and Maryport are closed from 4pm, 24th December (last cash payments taken at 3:30pm), re-opens 2nd January (8:45am to 5:15pm).

**Tourist Information** Centre, Solway Coast Discovery Centre, Silloth is Closed from 4pm, 24th December, re-opens 2nd January (10am to 4pm).

Allerdale Borough Council's website can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the comfort of home. The website has a secure online facility for making payments as well as reporting problems, such as fly tipping and noise pollution, and finding useful information, for example the bin

collections over the Christmas period. Museums:

Maritime Museum, Maryport is closed from Sunday 23rd December. Re-opens 10am Monday 7th January. Helena Thompson Museum, Workington is closed from 22nd December. Re-opens 2nd January. Keswick Museum is closed (Winter Season). **Refuse collection dates:** 

Week commencing Monday 24th December:

Normal Monday collections on Christmas Eve. No collections on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Collections will recommence on 27th December when collections will be two days later than normal collection days. Tuesday's will be collected on Thursday, Wednesday's will be Friday, Thursday's will be Saturday and Friday's will be Sunday.

Week commencing Monday 31st December:

Normal Monday collections on New Year's Eve. No collections on New Year's Day. Collections will recommence on 2nd January when collections will be one day later than residents' normal days. Tuesday's will be collected on Wednesday, Wednesday's will be Thursday, Thursday's will be Friday, Friday's will be Saturday.

Please try to put waste out on the correct day.

## **Arthritis Group**

Report by: Gladys Temple

Edna Marper welcomed everyone while Anne Graham gave out the new tea rotas and Peggy Bray distributed lists of menu and transport for the New Year Lunch.

Leon Holden and Brian Murray were introduced and showed a wonderful slide show of Carlisle Castle. They began outside the gatehouse showing us the different blocks of stone, which showed where they were quarried from or recycled from the Roman city walls. Carlisle was a very important place in the Roman times with one of the largest forts in the country being built where the Castle is now. We were shown various parts of the Castle and Leon knows all about the history and the present use of each building. At half-time Elinor Hodgson

Check your recycling calendar if you are in any doubt or call 01900 702800 for more information. Leisure centres:

Workington Leisure Centre is closed on 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st December and 1st January. Cockermouth

and Mary Thompson served mince pies with tea or coffee and Edna Marper won the raffle. Leon continued with his fascinating talk about the rest of the Castle and also invited us to join the Hadrian Bus, which goes from Carlisle to Hexham via the Roman Wall and has a Guide aboard who will tell you about the various sights you can see from the bus. You can get off at the various Forts and catch the bus on its way back or travel to Hexham and have a look around before returning along the wall. Jack Bray thanked

Leon and Brian for a really interesting talk. We all live near, but many have not even been in the Castle so were encouraged to go some time in the future. The next meeting is the New Year with lunch at the Joiners Arms, Newton Arlosh.

Leisure Centre is closed on 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st December and 1st January. Keswick Leisure Pool is closed on 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st December and 1st January.

For urgent enquiries during office closure, please tel: 01900 871080.



Top tips for recycling over Christmas

Allerdale Borough Council is urging residents to keep recycling over the Christmas period.

Every Christmas it is estimated that each person throws away 40kg of waste. That's over 3,000 tonnes of waste in Allerdale alone.

Over the Christmas period, between 20% and 30% more glass bottles and jars are collected, Royal Mail delivers approximately double the amount of letters and packages and eight million Christmas trees are sold in the UK.

With such a large amount of waste created over the Christmas

period, it is more important than ever to recycle.

All wrapping paper, Christmas cards and cardboard packaging can be put in the paper and card bin. A home compost bin is ideal for fruit and vegetable peelings and real Christmas trees can be put out alongside the garden waste bin for Allerdale Borough Council to collect it to be composted.

Drop glass, cans, plastic bottles, old clothing and shoes at Allerdale's supermarket recycling points when out shopping.

For more information on recycling points visit www.allerdale.gov.uk or call 01900 702800.

### **Police Report**

Police report by: PC Andy Robertson Silloth Community Officer

Complaints regarding inconsiderate parking in Silloth have been received, especially parking on corners obstructing drop kerbs which allow wheel chair users access and also obstructs other drivers views at junctions. This complaint will receive attention from the police and blatant/persistent offenders will receive a

Queen Bee by Leah Richardson from Holme St. Cuthbert School PCSO has now begun maternity leave and will be back with us sometime

Lindsey Noblet our

fixed penalty notice!

in the spring of 2008! Earlier this year I received my long service award with Cumbria Constabulary (over 22 years service). Sixteen years of this service has been spent working in Silloth and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I hope to continue to serve the people of Silloth for many years to come!

On behalf of the local policing team at Wigton, I wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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## More Plain People Winner



Mrs Ann Hobson being presented with a copy of More Plain People by Karen Simpson (right) and Betty Connolly (left), from Holme St Cuthbert History Group

In the December issue of the Solway Buzz, Holme St Cuthbert History Group made an appeal for information about a photograph which appears on the back cover of their latest local history book, More Plain People and Places on the Cumbrian Solway Coast.

The photo taken in the 1930s is a wonderful shot of Mr Gray and his donkeys plus children on Silloth Green.

We are delighted to report that Mrs Ann Hobson from Silloth has come forward with information. Mrs Hobson (nee White) is the girl in the centre, (on the left of the empty donkey) and she can clearly remember the day. Mrs Hobson who lived at Skinburness as a child loved the donkeys and

spent every opportunity she could with them.

She pestered Mr Gray, affectionately known as Father Gray until he gave her a job at the age of eight, taking the children for rides up and down the green at weekends and during school holidays. The children preferred her as she would make the donkeys trot whereas Father Gray just walked.

The photo was taken in 1934 when she was ten. The three children on the left she thinks had come from Carlisle on the train on a cheap day return ticket, and the girl on the right and her sister (not in the photo) were from Preston on holiday. Mrs Hobson remembers the photographer and his female assistant taking a

great deal of time setting up the shot and fussing about. The little girl who was on the empty donkey got so fed up she got off the donkey and stormed off in a huff.

The photograph was commissioned by Woods, Silloth's leading publishers of post cards and guide books. The family ran the famous 'emporium' at the corner of Wampool Street for over a hundred years.

The book More Plain People is a fascinating glimpse back in time of life on the coastal fringe of the Solway Plain, from Saltpans to Skinburness. The first book Plain People, Bygone Times on the Cumbrian Solway Plain, has been reprinted due to popular demand.

Both books are available for £9.95 each from Winters, Silloth **Tourist Information** Centre, The Gincase, Harrison's Shop Abbeytown, Post Office and Papershop Allonby.

> Helen Bee bv Turn from Holm Cultram Abbey School

## 1942 Lockheed Hudson Crash Site



Report by: Geoff Bland

On the 10th November 1942 a Lockheed Hudson mark AM680 left Silloth Airfield on a routine training flight, with a crew of four.

The aircraft crashed on Beda Head, above Martindale, in the Lake District with the loss of all the crew.

The photo shows the crash site on 12th April 2007 with fell walkers Malcolm Jackson and John Kellett, photographed by Geoff Bland.

For a detailed account of this incident see page 61 of 'Hell on High Ground' volume two by David Earl.

Above: the crash site Below: Lockheed Hudson with crew





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## Walk Raises £700



Bill and Marilyn Amyes held a sponsored walk from Silloth to Maryport.

Everyone who took part was sponsored, even a dog, Marylin went by bus (she isn't so daft) and managed to get £73 sponsorship

they managed to raise £700 to be split between Silloth First Responders and the Great North Air Ambulance. **Bill and Marylin** 

for that. Between them

would like to thank everyone who took part and those sponsored them





The Skinburness Hotel went to auction again on 12th December at Haydock Racecourse.

With a guide price of just £380,000 it was inevitable that the lovely old building would find a buyer this time. Four bidders showed interest and the Hotel was finally sold for £450,000. Despite best endeavours, at the time of going to print we still had no inkling of who the buyers are, or what they intend to do with the building in the future.

We will try to find out, if anyone knows something, call the editor.





Following last month's local nominee for Volunteer of the Year We are pleased to hear another local lady, Jean Oliver, was nominated for the Cumbria Woman of the Year Award.

Jean was nominated for the help she provides with the Church and also for helping for many years with local groups, especially the aged. Jean is also known for her work as a Lollipop Lady in all weather. Although not the winner, Jean was treated like Royalty and really enjoyed herself when she was invited by the Cumbria Women of the Year committee for luncheon at the Wordsworth Hotel, Grasmere on 28th November.



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Many thanks, Silloth Surgery

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## Woman of the Year Nominee



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## Hosanna Rock at Holme St. Cuthbert

The children of Holme St. Cuthbert school celebrated Christmas together at Holme St. Cuthbert church with a wonderful production of 'Hosanna Rock'. This was a

modern



musical following the story of the nativity. As you would guess from the title, the music was lively and songs ranged from lullaby to rock.

The children's singing was brilliant and great entertainment for the parents and friends who filled the church. The young soloists were especially impressive, showing huge confidence and poise as they sang their parts.

The infant children, each one dressed as a child from a different country, looked beautiful.They brought the house down and caused a few tears with their song 'Hold your banners high'.

Everyone was very proud of the children and felt it was a lovely way to start off the Christmas celebrations.

#### Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2008



The main band to open the Festival on Thursday 4th September is the world famous "The Searchers".

They have agreed to play on Silloth Green at the start of their next tour, from Silloth their next stop is Norway.

The Searchers string of Number One hits started with Sweets For My Sweet in the summer of 1963, quickly followed by Sugar & Spice and Needles & Pins. Other well known tracks include Love Potion Number Nine, Don't Throw Your Love Away and Someday We're Gonna Love Again. Not many bands from this era have any original performers, but

the remaining Searchers,

John McNally and Frank

Allen along with Spencer

James and Eddie Rothe



## £10,000 Grant for Allerdale Disability Ass'n

Allerdale Disability Association is to receive a £10,000 grant from Allerdale Borough Council.

The grant will enable Allerdale Disability Association to help the Council pursue its priorities relating to the improvement of the quality of life for disabled people throughout the borough. Allerdale Disability Association has served the community since the 1970's and is based in the Curwen Centre, in the grounds of Workington Hall. The Association operates projects that enhance the quality of life for disabled people.

Councillor Joe Milburn, said: "Allerdale Disability Association undertakes hugely important work in support of disabled people and their families, and helps us as a Council to fulfil our obligations to disabled people across the borough. It is essential that this work continues and I am pleased that the Council was able to help." Stella Howarth of

Allerdale Disability

Association said: "We are very grateful to Allerdale Borough Council for their assistance in enabling us to continue to run our vital and unique services to disabled people, their families and carers."

Allerdale Disability Association and the Council are looking at more ways to work together in the future.

For further information on the services Allerdale Disability Association provides ring 0845 129 9954.



are thankfully in the rudest of health and eager to continue their life of constant touring. Have

constant touring. Have guitars (and drums), will travel is their motto.

Finding their standard set a trifle too constricting and perhaps even a little unsatisfying to their hard core fans who have always known there is more to their favourite group than merely a bunch of hit records, they have over the last decade

perfected a two-part concert consisting of their legendary hits, 'B' sides, favourite album tracks and a whole bunch of terrific new material they have collected along the way. Combined with anecdotes and reminiscences delivered in an intimate and personal way that is unique to the Searchers these shows have proved to be a triumph. Tickets will go on sale

in the Spring - be there.

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## Silloth & District Pensioners Christmas Party

Report by: Derek & Diana Shaw

The Silloth & District Pensioners held their Annual Christmas Party on Saturday 24th November at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre.

This year the party was held upstairs in the beautiful "Dunes Nightclub". What an excellent party everyone had, there was a lively atmosphere. Thanks must go to the Stanwix Family.

A delicious tea of turkey & ham salad, sherry trifle, a beautiful selection of cakes, tea, bread and butter was served. The Caterer was Mrs Gwen Atkinson from Aspatria, again, many thanks to her.

The Primary School Choir gave a wonderful rendition of Carols and Songs, it was lovely to see and hear the children with some singing solos. What a pleasant half hour was spent listening to them. Kendall, Bethany Kendall, Bethany O'Neill & Judith Dixon. These girls and boys certainly were ambassadors for the College .

"Danny and Joan "played

for the dancing. A lady

singer Rose Blaylock,

entertained us with a

seemed to have more

prizes than ever, all

beautifully arranged

paying drawing had

by Judith Jameson. The

approximately 18 prizes

(mostly Bottles) making

£150 for the association.

Thanks must go to

the committee and extra

helpers who work hard

during the evening and

the days before getting everything ready. This

year saw helpers from

the Solway Community

Technical College, their

Jacob Cork, Isaac Cork,

Darren Dixon, Bronwyn

work was invaluable.

They were:

The free drawing

variety of songs.

During 2007 the committee have worked hard organising Coffee Mornings and Afternoon Teas also the trip in June and of course the Party. There are ten ladies on the committee and another lady will join us at the AGM in January.

Thanking all who helped in any way to make the party a night to remember for many, many residents of Silloth and District.

The first Coffee Morning in 2008 will be Saturday February 2nd at 10am in the Recreation Hall. ALL WELCOME.

Above: everyone enjoying Auld Lang Syne Below: Danny & Joan plus Rose Blaylock entertained everyone

## Silloth Christmas Lights Switch-On - story on page 1

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Well known Silloth hotelier Fausto Previtali recently celebrated his sixtieth birthday with a party in the Golf Hotel attended by 200 guests.

A keen Rotarian and with a view to caring for the community that he lives and works within, Fausto decided to run fundraising events during the party, which proved to be very successful. A total of over  $\pounds$ 1,150 was raised which was split between the Great North Air Ambulance and Silloth First Responders, which Fausto is a founder member of.









## 50th Wedding Anniversary



Margaret and Ted Studholme of Solway Crest, Beckfoot celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 8th January 2008.

They met at Tarns Farm, which belonged to Margaret's parents, the Scott's, she was one of four brothers and two sisters, Ted was

working there as an agricultural contractor, threshing. They were married at Holme St. Cuthberts Church near Mawbray on 8th January 1958. Harold Edward Studholme was born and raised at Kelswick near Abbeytown where he was one of three brothers and four sisters. Margaret



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was born at Middletown, Egremont and later moved to Tarns Farm with her parents, brothers and sisters. They have one son, Edward, and have lived in the same house at Beckfoot since the day they were married.

## **Breath of Life Fund**



Together they set up a Breath of Life Fund in memory of Tom Ronald Parker which goes towards supporting the work of the British Lung Foundation. They have raised money by holding coffee mornings and doing car boot sales, then Pat, who's 72, decided to be brave and try something different. She came up with the idea of a sponsored horse ride even though she's frightened of horses.

So this Autumn, supported by family and friends she completed two miles on horse-back which for her was a huge achievement, because she has never ridden a horse before. Funds raised from this sponsored event



stand at over £500 which has been matched by Barclays Bank with their Matched Fundraising scheme which takes the total raised by Pat and Debbie to over £2,500. Anyone who wants

information about the

British Lung Foundation, which is the only UK charity working for everyone affected by lung disease and affects one person in seven in the UK, can contact them 08458 50 50 20 or www. lunguk.org.

#### Silver Prize for Allerdale Public Relations Officers Allerdale Borough Council took silver at a prestigious regional PR awards ceremony for its campaign to raise awareness and increase use of the Council's website: www.allerdale.



The Council's campaign, 'The Council in a click', competed against the very best of the public and private sector in the best use of design and photography category of the 2007 North West PRide awards, organised by the

#### Chartered Institute of Public Relations.

Allerdale Borough Council's e-Government Project Manager, Steve Brailey, and Communications and Marketing Officer, Helen Murphy, worked with marketing agency Red Moran Ltd, on the campaign.

Helen said: "We are absolutely thrilled to pick up this award, particularly because of the strong competition from some of the North West's biggest PR agencies. The campaign used a series of 'mouse' designs developed by Red Moran and included newspaper advertising, posters and bus advertising. Steve and I thought Red Moran had created a really strong design concept for the campaign, which contributed towards increased use of the Council's website, and we are delighted that the judges agreed."

The judges said of Allerdale Borough Council's campaign: "A clear concept, creatively and consistently rolled out across the campaign's communications. Full and distinctive, the designs conveyed the

campaign's message to its target audiences and successfully strengthened its delivery."

Cumbria had a successful evening at the awards ceremony with Cumbria County Council and Carlisle City Council also picking up gold and silver awards for their communications.

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#### Poems

## WAITING TO SEE THE HEAD by Whiskers

I'm waiting outside the office again waiting to see the head, "I'm fed up of telling you every day," that's what the teacher said.

I dare not smile, I cannot talk, and I just sit there with my pen, For the moment I open my mouth to speak, I'm off to the office again.

Just once I think it would be nice if my teacher gave me a smile, Or sent someone else out of the class, and gave me a rest for a while.

*I know that I am trouble; sometimes I'm really quite bad, But picking on me every day, well I really think that's sad.* 

I would love to go for a rest somewhere or spend the day in bed, But I'm standing outside the office again waiting to see the head.

#### **Letters** Dear Buzz, Pinky Bee by FIRST CLASS Naomi Winter FIRST RESPONDERS from I want to express my sincere Silloth Primary School thanks to Silloth First Responders for the attention I received from them on Saturday 17th November 07. Having chest pains (which I thought was indigestion!), I soon realised it was a heart attack. I was having a very traumatic time. The speed at which they attended after ringing 999 for an ambulance was awesome. I have no doubt that Barry Wood, Elaine Bell, Peter and Lorna Gilmour helped save me in the critical first hour of a heart attack, and of course the professional attention from the ambulance crew. Once again thank you, Jack Henderson and family Haulage & Storage Sand, Gravel & Aggregates **Readymixed Concrete Demolition & Site Clearance** Licenced Waste Disposal Site & Skip Service **Stevedores at Silloth Docks** Admin: 016973 42277 Transport: 016973 44000 Skip Hire: 016973 31000 RMC: 016973 61777 Fax: 016973 42210 Waverton, Wigton, CA7 0AE



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## **Birthday Donations**



Barbara Todd nee Pegram held her 50th birthday party in the Dunes Cabaret Bar at Stanwix Park.

Barbara said "may I send a big thank-you to all my family and friends who attended my birthday party, the evening was a great success, we raised £430.60 to be shared between the local Brownies, Rainbows and Junior Football and Rugby teams. We had a 'guess the bears name' and a raffle with lots of prizes generously donated by local businesses. Thanks to everyone for making my birthday so *s*pecial".

Entertainment on the evening was provided by Elvis las Vegas, Eric's Disco and even Santa attended to give presents to the children. All the ladies were in evening dress and Barbara noted how well they all "scrubbed up". Photographs of the event were provided by 'Photography by Peter' who was kept very busy.



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## Allerdale in Top Ten

Latest figures put Allerdale in the top ten of the 354 councils in the country for the amount of waste it has managed to reduce.

Household waste goes to landfill, which is becoming ever more expensive and scarce in the country. Recycling schemes cut down on the amount of waste, helping both the environment and the pockets of Allerdale council taxpayers.

The Council has introduced a three bin collection to encourage recycling and latterly purple bags in selected areas for glass bottles, jars, cans and plastic

bottles. This has been so well received in the 13,000 properties that have it, the intention is to introduce it to other parts of the borough in the future.

The member with Executive responsibility for waste reduction, Sam Standage, was pleased with the news. "We know that recycling is something that the people of Allerdale want to get involved with and contribute to. We are doing all we can to help them in this and it is producing good results which will benefit not only the environment but the economy too."

## **Mayors Report**

Report by: Mayor Graham Wilkinson

The Chairman attended several events including Solway Community Technology College prize-giving evening, the Remembrance Day Service along with the crew of HMS Biter and the Pensioners Christmas Party at Stanwix Park.

The Police report included several acts of anti-social behaviour by local youths, several acts of wheelie bins being set on fire and cars racing in the town. The Police would appreciate members of the public taking note of Number Plates of any racing cars and passing these to the Police.

Last month we considered the deletion of a footpath at Skinburness and after obtaining further information and following a site meeting the Council has decided to support the request and will notify the County Council.

Correspondence included the N.H.S. Closer to Home consultation. A letter suggested the setting-up of a Maritime Heritage Centre in Silloth, this will be forwarded to the N.W.D.A. with the Council's support.

A request for financial support was received from Citizens Advice, Allerdale. I it was agreed to send £100. Silloth First Responders asked for continued support towards the rental of pagers at £950 per annum, this was agreed. The Primary School

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reported they are holding interviews for a new Deputy Head. Solway C.T.C. report that the student intake had fallen due to more pupils opting to go to Wigton, this is reducing the funding available to the school as this is based on pupil numbers.

A revised proposal for works between the Lifeboat Station and the dock entrance was noted. Work is in hand for the installation of feeder pillars for Silloth Christmas Lights. Items for the 2008/2009 budget were discussed, these include joint funding of signage to the area from the M6, youth provision, the all-weather sports area and Christmas lights.

A request has been received from residents of Greenrow Meadows for the provision of street lights between the estate and Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, this will be passed to Allerdale B.C.

The council are pursuing with Allerdale **Borough Council** the timespan for the replacement of the bridge at the entrance to the cemetery due to the danger caused by vehicles parking on the road.



#### The Dark Side

What Posh does, the world seems to follow, since she has ditched the highlights for a darker look, brunette is the new blond with women everywhere wanting something more subtle and sensual.

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## County Tennis Awards for Silloth Lads

## Silloth Golfers in Spain



Scott Whittle has been chosen as male Player of the Year of Cumbria LTA.

This well deserved award is based on his many achievements including: • he was a member of the team which was promoted

• Junior County

Champion at u18 Senior County Champion represented Cumbria at the LTA championship in Beckenham • represented Cumbria in the Winter County Cup at Prestwick. Well done Scott,

however, he is always under pressure from

his brother Chris who received a Merit Award.

Chris played in the Junior County Championships at the age of eight. In 1999 he was the U10 County Champion and in 2007 became the U18 Boys County Champion and Senior Men's County Champion, what a team.

## West Cumbria Winter Tennis League

Winter Leagues Off **To Flying Start** December sees the start of what is hoped will be the biggest junior Tennis set up in West Cumbria.

Monthly box leagues, where players from all over the region meet up at different venues to compete against each other with results counting toward ratings

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The Dirty Dozen J. Lettice, M. Sullivan, C. Harrison, R. Shaw, G. Winter, M. Crosswaite, D. Halpin, D. Beebey, P. Allison, D. Hunter, K. Jefferson, & S. Winter

high handicapper. Last day the spoils went to David Halpin. After spending a lot of his trip tweaking with his swing he finally got it right on the last day and swept the opposition away with a truly remarkable score

of 45 points, proving practice does make perfect.

Well done to all golfers! Please remember whatever sport you participate in that it's only a game, it's the taking part that counts.



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## **Fishing Competition**



Make your boy proud, let him catch his own. Grant caught this two pound flounder, it was very tasty too

Silloth Rugby Club are holding their first-ever Fishing Competition.

This is really aimed at encouraging all the children in our community to try different sports and pastimes.

The Competition is being held on Silloth Promenade at 1:30pm on Sunday 30th December. Enrol at the sea wall beside the Lifeboat Station.

We are assured there are plenty fish available, as in early December Grant Lettice, Brian Reeves, Jamie and Robbie Harrison caught 28 fish between them using various baits. They had a great day.

Locally, both Del's DIY and Caravan Care, both on Eden Street, sell bait and all the tackle required for sea anglers, so there is no excuse for not taking part.

Entry costs £2 per child and £3 per adult. There are loads of prizes to be won including: Overall Champion Under 12 Champion Silloth Tennis Club Annual Prize giving



Silloth Tennis Club's fourth annual presentation was held in the Sky Bar at Stanwix Park on Saturday the 17th November.

Over 100 members and guests attended what was a great night of prize giving, music and fun as local player and British number 11 ranked junior player Danieka Borthwick handed out the prizes. Boys and girls winners at many different age levels were presented with Kevin Brown taking the big prize of the night, the "Club Junior Of The Year".

Over £200 was raised towards club funds and we would like to thank those who attended and those who donated prizes towards the raffle.

Over 12 Champion Most Fish Biggest Fish and many more.

There are also a few rules including each person being limited to one rod only and only two hooks allowed on rigs. More information will be available on the day. Go on, get your kids

out in the fresh air for the day and you can all have fun on Silloth Promenade before the end of 2007.



## Silloth Rugby Club



## Saturday Morning Tennis

The club have recently set up regular indoor mini Tennis play sessions in the sports hall. They are designed to give players an extra chance to play Tennis over the winter months with parents and family members encouraged to take part as well. The sessions, which are for non members as well, are held between 10am and 12pm on Saturday mornings with the cost being £3 for children and adults going free.



Norman Reilly, Andrew Stevens & Andrew Todhunter in action

Silloth Rugby Club are sitting pretty at the top of the Cumbria League Shield.

With only two narrow defeats against Keswick and Carlisle they are leading by three clear

are points at the half way stage.

There were some great performances from the team and gritty play from the likes of Peter Wise, Phillip Scott, Andrew Stevens and John Harrison.

The flip side is that if the club and players want to progress and encourage the junior section to thrive we must train regularly and help bring along new players For further information please call David on 07742 547767.



by Kieran Brooks from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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