

Silloth on Solway

NEWS

August 2001

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Issue 1

This is Issue One

And the first issue is - what do you want to call it?

We need your help to find a new name for this a new newspaper. As this is your local paper, it is only right that you should decide on a name for it. We have given it the working title you see above, but the choice is not ours, it is yours.

There have already been 2,000 flyers distributed alerting everyone to the impending launch of this exciting local project. These have provided some suggestions regarding possible titles for this new publication, but it has been decided to hold a competition to find this elusive new name, now we need you to get involved.

We need a name that has a special meaning for everyone in this area. We are hoping to distribute the paper freely to everyone in the area detailed below.

The paper will also be available to all the many tourists who come to enjoy this special area with us.

Please send us your suggestion. A mystery prize awaits the winner and the chance to see her/his title printed every month on our front cover.

So get those thinking caps on and get your entries in....

I think the title should be:

or, I would prefer to vote for one of the following options:

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Silloth on Solway Reminder

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Silloth on Solway Informer

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The Silloth Buzz

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Entries before 1st September please.....

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Where is this paper distributed?

This map shows the catchment area we intend to receive the paper. Of course, where it is actually delivered to is down to YOU!

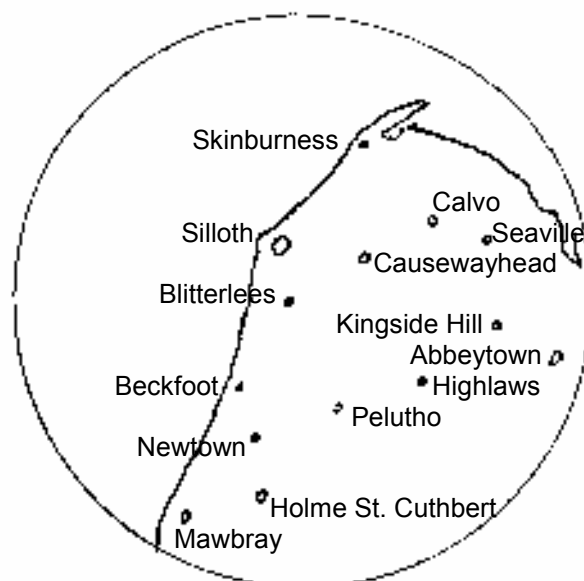
Apart from the printing, volunteers are doing everything else, and that includes distribution.

A few people are doing a lot of work to try and get this paper off the ground. To survive we need lots more volunteers, otherwise we will not be able to continue. The more people there are prepared to deliver the paper, the easier it will be for each volunteer.

How much information is in the paper about your community is also down to the people in your village sending that information to the Editor. Although we are based in Silloth, we want to be relevant to every corner of this fairly small catchment area. Please send as much information as possible to Denise, the Editor, otherwise your community may be left out. Only you know what is happening in your locality, we almost certainly do not.

You now have a simple way of reaching everyone in your village as well as the neighbouring villages, very easily, each month.

Remember - your help is important, whether for distribution, articles and news, or as advertisers. It is the advertisers who are paying for the printing of the paper, if we have more advertisers, then there will be more space available for local news items. **Please give us your support!** Contact information is on page 2.



Dates for your Diary

This is a service where local organisations can declare a date for their event, making the information available to all.

This should help to prevent too many events clashing on the same dates. This section will also expand soon to cover several months

August

12th Family Fun Day at Silloth Rugby Club begins at 2pm.

18th Junior Its a Knockout on the Green, fun begins at 10.30am. Please see advert and article for further details.

19th Adult It's a Knockout on the Green, fun begins at 10.30am. Please see advert and article for further details.

20th/21st SAFC Soccer Summer School, with Sunderland AFC at Eden Street Playing fields.

Please see article for further details.

23rd West Silloth Tenants Association meeting in Greenrow Pentecostal Church at 7 p.m. All residents of West Silloth welcome, please see article for further details.

26th Six-a-side football tournament for U 10s and U 12s. Kick off at 12 noon Eden Street Playing fields.

27th Annual Silloth Carnival. Parade around the streets, Fair, Side-shows, Spitfire fly-past, RNLI display and much more.

Please see article for further details.

September

1st Barbecue and Fun Day held in West Silloth Playing field beginning at 2 p.m.

2nd Community Craft Show held in Silloth Social Club, 11am - 4 p.m.

6th-9th 1st Annual Silloth Beer Festival on the Green, with live music throughout the weekend. Please see article and advert for further details.

8th Auction in St. Andrews Hall, proceeds to Hospice at Home Charity. Doors open at 10am for viewing and bidding begins at 10.30 a.m.

9th Truck Show on Silloth Airfield. See article for further details.

If your organisation has an event coming up, please contact the Editor.

Who Represents You Where?

Silloth and District have various elected councillors, but do you know who they are and which councils they represent you on?

Here is a quick run down:

Cumbria County Council

(1 elected member)

Bill Allison

Allerdale Borough Council

(2 elected members)

Margaret Snaith

Bill Jefferson

Silloth Town Council

(12 elected members)

Bill Allison (Chairman and Town Mayor)

Lawrence Marshall (Deputy

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Margaret Snaith

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Bill Johnston

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Richard Hocking

Eileen Chambers

At present there is a vacant position on the council, a decision about how and when that vacancy will be filled will be taken in the next few months.

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Silloth's 1st International It's a Knockout

This event is taking place on the Green in the centre of Silloth on August 18th and 19th.

Saturday, August 18th, the fun and games focuses on the youngsters in the town with the Junior It's a Knockout contest taking part on this day. The fun begins at 10.30am and other attractions on the day include Fun Fair, Face Painting, Live Music and much more.

At the time of going to print the organisers were still looking for teams to take part in the junior event.

Sunday, August 19th, sees the adults taking centre stage in the weekend activities, again the competition begins at 10.30am. Activities on the day include Fun Fair, Jason the Jester, Bird of Prey Display, Face Painting, Live Music and much more.

This event has been supported by Alan Lightfoot Plant Hire, Wigton, Silloth Town Council, Silloth Tourism Action Group, Silloth Rotary Club, Cumbria Community Foundation, McDonald's (Carlisle and Workington) and many more.

The organisers would like to forewarn everyone that this event will be wet, wild, wicked, exciting and a lot of fun.

WEST SILLOTH TENANTS ASSOCIATION

This is a new group, which has been formed to promote and improve the area of West Silloth, in particular in the housing estate called The Crofts.

A number of meetings have been held in the Pentecostal Church, Greenrow, and it is hoped in the forthcoming months to begin work on traffic problems, street lighting, housing problems and much more.

Plans are being made to run a 'Dream Scheme' in the estate, this would involve youngsters aged 10 - 15yrs old working in the community, under supervision, and then being rewarded through a points scheme and receiving payment by way of a day out etc.

The scheme has been running very successfully in Wigton for 2 years and it is hoped that the scheme can be adopted here in the forthcoming months.

With this project in mind the committee are looking for volunteers to come along and help, especially those who have a few hours to spare each week, interested? Please contact any of the following: Denise Pattinson, Yvonne Smith or Andrea Davenport for further details.

The next meeting of the Association is Thursday, August 23rd, in the

Pentecostal Church at 7 p.m.

It is hoped to form a full committee at this meeting so that the real work on the various projects can begin.

The Association are also holding their first community event on Saturday, September 1st, in the area where the playing field was based. It is a fun day with barbecue, face painting, stocks (volunteers welcome!) etc. The fun begins at 2 p.m. and everyone in West Silloth is welcome.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you have a view you would like to share with the other readers of this publication, whether it is personal, controversial, or whimsical or a way to sound off your thoughts, why not send it to the Editor at the usual address.

Our first contribution to this feature is from a visitor to the town:

Dear Editor,

On Sunday last I made my very first visit to Silloth, and although we had only a few hours to look around, I liked what I saw and should like to return.

This is a letter from far away Cheshire, and in my wife's case, she had been before when working in the Carlisle area.

She always promised to take me, and this was fulfilled last Sunday when a tour operator included both Keswick and Silloth in its programme.

Our daughter wanted to give us an Anniversary present, and we shall long remember it, and we had a lovely two hours there before returning home. We were provided with High Tea in the Golf Hotel, and before we boarded our coach we bought a copy of the Official Guide with a future possible visit mind.

We must all sing the praises of Silloth even to people who have never heard of it, and some of the Churches have the right idea when they talk about 'gossiping the Gospel'.

I hope to hear more of your newspaper, and wish you every success.

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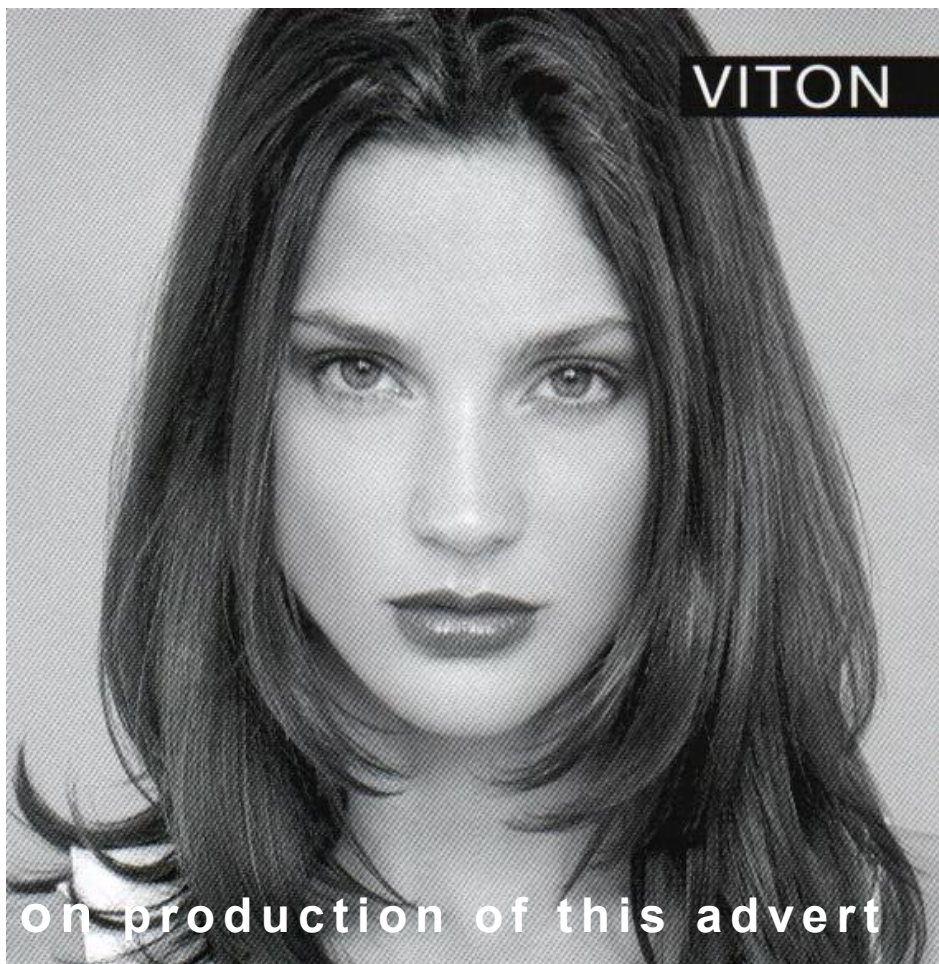
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SILLOTH TOWN COUNCIL

Each month we will bring you news from the town council meeting...

July 2001

Silloth Town Council, on the grounds of safety rejected the Silloth Music Festival, which was to have had top acts from the music world.

Despite a long presentation and deep discussion with the Organisers, the Councillors and their advisors, it was decided that Silloth was not a suitable venue for such an event.

Organisers are now looking at Carlisle as a possible venue. The Carnival Committee has had problems finding locations to build their floats this year thanks to Foot and Mouth, it was reported to the Town Council. The organisers of the event are confident of finding alternative buildings soon.

August 2001

Councillors discussed the possibility of building toilets in the Eden Street playing field. This was a project that had been looked at about 5 years ago by Council but was unsuccessful due to the cost of £16-£20,000. Payment for building this amenity would have to be met by the Town Council, as Allerdale believe that Silloth has adequate toilet facilities in the town. It was agreed to look into this project again and to research the full cost. The possible location for this amenity would be either next to the squash courts or the sports pavilion in the playing field. The number of people attending the Day Care centre in the local Community Hall may be heavily affected following the opening of a similar larger facility in Kirkbride, the Councillors have been informed by Age Concern, the organisers of the centre. After a deep discussion by all members, in which it was discovered that the

local surgery had not been contacted with regard to this problem. It was agreed that the local Age Concern representative, Mrs. Bradley, be asked to come along to meet the Town Councillors and to discuss the future of Day Care in Silloth. The Annual General Meeting of Silloth Town Council will take place on September 27th, in St. Andrews Hall, at 7 p.m. The AGM had been postponed due to the Foot and Mouth Outbreak.

Silloth Carnival - Monday August 27th

It is that time of year again, when all the local shops run out of crepe paper and ribbons, and when the people who all year round have nice and respectable lives decide to throw caution to the wind and take part in the Annual Silloth Carnival.

Participants in past years have ranged from the Red Barrows to Smurfs. The Carnival Committee are sure that this year's festivities will be as good as usual despite all the restrictions that have been forced on all the carnivals, by the Foot and Mouth outbreak.

Judging takes places as usual at the hard tennis courts at the Skinburness end of the green, at 12.30 p.m., with the parade, going throughout the town at 1 p.m. Other attractions include Cumberland and Westmorland Wrestling, a Lifeboat Display, a Spitfire Fly Past and much more. For further details see the posters displayed throughout the town.

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From October 1982 until mid 1994 the Silloth Community News was an integral part of rural life in the Silloth and District area.

The newspaper was delivered to over 2000 homes in the areas stretching from Allonby to Abbeytown, and was a voice for many organisations and informed local people of the news and views from the area.

The Friends of Solway Community School produced the first newsletters. They were a by-monthly publication that relied heavily on the news coming from the local groups themselves.

Sue Jones and Morag Hill, became the Editors in 1984, and they changed the face of the newspaper by reporting on Town Council activities and other more topical affairs.

Sadly Morag died some years ago, she is still sadly missed by everyone who knew and worked with her.

After two years they decided to resign and the mantle for supplying news fell to Sheila Edgar and myself (Denise Pattinson). Our style was slightly different as we introduced more feature writers and in-depth profiles of local people. Sheila died, after a long illness, while still Editor of the Newsletter, she was, and remains, an inspiration to everyone who was fortunate to know her.

Nina Wood, a close friend of Sheila's joined the Editorial team. A more controversial attitude was adopted, with the questionings of decisions that were being taken by local and national governments, concerning our area. Unfortunately at this time the parent body of the newsletter changed and the editors after some deep consideration decided to resign.

The newsletter then went through some major problems and again it was Solway Community School, with Isabel White at the helm, who took over the running of the paper until it ceased to be published in 1994.

So that brings us up to date. So why are we starting another newspaper? When the Silloth Regeneration Partnership was putting together a plan for the future of

the town, it was felt that one of the main components missing from the area was a local newspaper to unite the district. This is where I stepped in.

I volunteered to take on the role of Editor after reading about the plans the Silloth Regeneration Partnership had and this is the result, the first copy of a newspaper for Silloth and District.

Last time round the newspaper was typed on an electronic typewriter, then cut and pasted by hand. Adverts were continually photocopied until there was no print left, taken to the printers in the back of a car and hand folded when it was returned to us. It was a lot of hard work!

Now with the advances in technology, the newspaper will be typed and edited on a computer, sent to the printers on disk, and returned ready to deliver. This is a much simpler world.

However what has not changed is that this is your newspaper and we need you to bring us stories, news, views, letters etc. so that we can produce a newsletter to be proud of.

What we need help with immediately are; correspondents to provide us with news from Abbeytown, Mowbray, etc. Feature writers/columnists, a photographer to take pictures of the growing number of events in the Silloth Calendar, a computer operator to lay-out the paper and anything else you can think of.

If you can help, with any of the above, please contact me:

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There is to be a two day training session provided by Sunderland AFC on August 20th and 21st for 4 to 14 year olds at the cost of £12 per child.

Annual 6-a-sides for U10's and U12s are to be held on Sunday, August 26th. Kick off at 12 noon.

For any information about any of the above events please ring Barry on 32107 or Stephen on 31517.

1st Silloth Beer Festival

The first Silloth Beer Festival is being staged on the Green, in the centre of town, from Thursday September 6th to Sunday September 9th.

It will feature over 75 different beers, lagers and ciders from all over Britain.

Cumbrian Foods will be served throughout the weekend. Also there will be live entertainment at every session, with music being provided by Lazy River Jazz Band, Heidi and the Soul Merchants, Dearham Brass Band, Bullfrog and Serengeti Jazz Band, ticket prices are £2 - £3 per live session and are available from Silloth Tourist Information Office, telephone 016973 31944.

The festival will become an annual event, taking place at the same time every year. It is hoped that this event will provide a chance for the community to come together, following a devastating year with the Foot and Mouth outbreak which has effected both agriculture and tourism in our area, and help it to start looking to the future.

For further details about this event contact; Peter Gilmour, 30 Fell View, Silloth.

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