



Buzzy Bee by Susan Winter

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## 2002 - A Year of Festivals

Following on from a highly successful summer season, STAG (Silloth Tourism Action Group) have announced plans for next year.

A number of festivals were cancelled this year due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak, they will be returning next year. Also festivals which took place for the first time this year are returning again. Confirmed events are:

**Its a Knockout** - proved to be highly successful with both adults and youngsters. It was both a financial and entertaining success. It is hoped that a grandstand can be erected next year, so spectators can get a better view of all the activities. There will also be events on the two days prior to the event, which will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Beer Festival** - another great success, it has already been described as one of the best Beer Festivals in Cumbria. The organisers are pleased to say that the event was trouble free and that the dates for the next festival are September 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Vintage Rally** - already preparations are underway for this festival, with many new ideas being considered to ensure its continued success. This festival will take place during the third week of June next year.

**Kite Festival** - one of the casualties of Foot and Mouth, it will be returning in July, bigger and better than ever!

**Silloth Carnival** - this is the longest running of all our events, and is continually popular. This years event was highly successful and the organisers are already planning next years event which will take place on August Bank Holiday Monday.

**Also planned** - but no firm dates for the diary yet are - **Musician of the Year**, return of the **Circus**, **Trawler Race** and **Truck Show**.

STAG also announced that they have another event for **this year** - **A Laser Lights and Firework Show**, which is being held on **November 24<sup>th</sup>** starting at 4.50pm, with the lighting of a beacon, laser show and fireworks. The event is being sponsored by the Spirit of Cumbria, who are also lighting laser beacons at nine locations, including Whitehaven and Workington as part of the day of fun. Also planned is a singing festival on the green and live music at the Balmoral Hotel.

Congratulations to everyone involved, lets hope and work to ensure that next years events are as successful as this years have been.

### Christmas Lights Does Silloth Want Them?

There were many complaints that the Christmas street lighting in Silloth last year was much poorer than usual. The problem was well notified in the local press before Christmas, a lack of volunteers to erect the lighting!

Silloth Business Association has the materials required to string lighting on all the usual streets, but are very short of manpower. If your street had Christmas lights in 1999 or 2000 and you want them again this year, get some volunteers together and apply for your section of wire and bulbs.

Contact Bill Amves on: 016973 31687.



KITE FESTIVAL 2000

### Buzzy Bee

This month our bee is by Susan Winter of Skinburness.

The three Primary Schools in our area, Silloth, Mawbray and Abbeytown, have all been provided with resource kits to enable them to easily get their pupils to supply bees for our hive. We look forward to a swarm arriving soon.

We do also require more bees from the rest of the community - come on - don't be shy. Get those bees flying our way.

Our address is on page 2.