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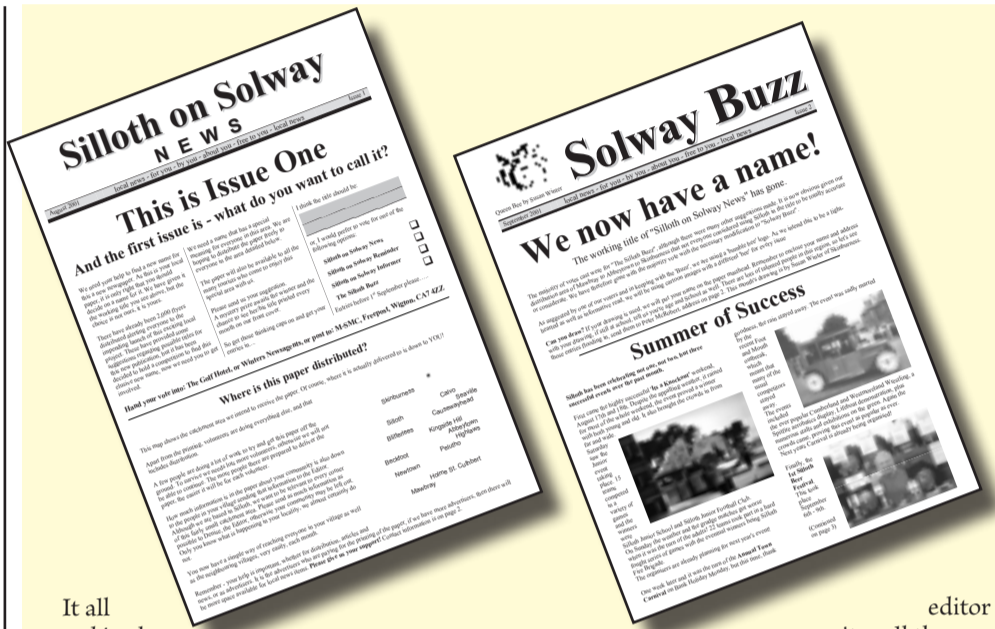
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It all started in the spring of 2011 when the Silloth Regeneration Partnership was asked for funding to re-start the Silloth Newsletter.

The Regeneration committee considered this to be a very good idea and asked Treasurer Peter McRobert to investigate sources of funding. Unlike today, grant funding was available in the aftermath of the 'foot and mouth' disaster for worthwhile projects and soon funds had been received and the committee purchased a laptop computer with software and a digital camera.

Peter offered to help create the first newsletter with the lady who initiated the project thinking that she would then continue on her own, but this didn't happen so Peter took on the task himself.

The first issue was called Silloth-on-Solway News and it asked for views on what future issues should be called, the consensus was Solway Buzz, and so it has remained.

While there was sufficient grant funding for the first few issues there were many sceptics who said we would not be able to keep producing the Buzz

as no-one would pay for advertising to keep it going. Fortunately, the Buzz has turned out to be very popular with our readers, so the advertisers have discovered that their adverts are worth every penny. This has enabled the Buzz to not only survive but to grow.

The Solway Buzz has only survived because many individuals and businesses want to help it flourish, without our advertisers, there would be no money to pay for printing and production. However, our largest group of volunteers are the distributors who deliver the Buzz to properties all around the area. There are almost seventy volunteers who devote 20 to 40 minutes each month delivering the Buzz to their neighbours. If you don't receive the Buzz through your letter box, it may be because we do not have a deliverer for your area, why not give us a call and offer your services, your neighbours will be grateful.

Another very large group of volunteers are the people who write articles for the paper each month. The Buzz is only interesting because people send in interesting articles. Many think that the

editor writes all these articles, however, his time is spent on putting all the articles and photos into the Buzz in a consistent manner. The Buzz is truly a community paper - there are no reporters - there are no photographers. It is all down to you, without people such as you sending things to the Buzz, it would not happen. Sometimes someone will send an idea for an article to the editor thinking an article will appear, it won't, it is up to you to write it.

The name Solway Buzz had a natural affinity with our friend the buzzy bee, and local children have displayed wonderful imagination over the past ten years in creating bee drawing on any and every subject. These drawings are not just space fillers, they have become an essential part of the paper and we love having them sent in.

The Buzz started out as a black and white paper with just eight A4 pages. With your help and support it has now grown to a very colourful sixteen pages of good news and information. With your help and support who knows what it will be like in another ten years!

Well done everyone....

Santa Dash



Santa Dash is on Saturday 19th November starting from outside the Discovery Centre at 1pm. It will then proceed around the town ending at the

Social club for a fund raising auction, games, karaoke, etc. All money raised will be distributed between the Christmas Lights appeal and the Cash for Kids charity.

Santas Sleigh

Father Christmas Calling

The Rotary Club of Silloth-on-Solway has arranged for Father Christmas to visit the town again this year.

On Sunday 18th December he will be setting off from Skinburness at 3:30pm and will proceed along Skinburness Road calling at Skinburness Drive on his way into Silloth. He will take the usual route through the town (the same as the Carnival procession) finishing up in West Silloth and The Crofts.



Santa has made it known that his visit to Silloth is one of the highlights of the season because "the mince pies and sherry in Silloth are among the best I've tasted - Ho Ho Ho!"

Xmas Lights

Silloth Xmas Lights switch-on will take place at approximately 6:30pm on Friday 2nd December.

Santa will arrive at the Corner Cafe (chippy) on a sleigh drawn by live reindeer, courtesy of Richardson's Garden Centre, County Durham. There will be a petting pen assembled on the green for photos and petting of the reindeer. They are hoping to have a brief

torchlight procession around the town with the sleigh before the big switch on.

There will be entertainment in Eden Street, on the trailer stage. It will include Jazzy Jim, band, choir, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Not to be missed for the children is Santas Grotto inside the Corner cafe, he is looking forward to seeing you. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Free Portrait Sessions in Silloth Social Club on 26th & 27th November

See full details on page 3



Holme Cultram Abbey



On Friday 16th September there was an evening of music by the Solway String Trio, which was a Quartet for the first half. They entertained a packed "party room" at Ballyness, the home of Mrs Brenda Sim. Margaret Hancock along with her fellow Musicians Rachel Robson, Teresa Mellish and Susan Campbell played wonderful music ranging from Bach to the Beatles, as well as great favourites from the group Queen.

There was a glass of wine

and nibbles, a beautiful finger buffet at half time as well as a drawing. An enjoyable evening was had by all, £692 was raised for church funds. Well done and a big thank you to Brenda for making everyone welcome in her Home.

On the following day Bill James, his family and staff held a produce and craft show at Bank Mill Nurseries. As well as the show there were stalls and competitions, and a hog roast. This was a very enjoyable day, The Mayor of Allerdale and

his wife attended, £600 was raised for the Phoenix Fund, the Restoration of Holm Cultram Abbey. This Donation is very much appreciated by the PCC at Abbeystown, many thanks to Bill, Carole and their staff for all their hard work.

The Phoenix Fund also received a donation from friends in Abbeystown of Mike Armstrong (formerly from Raby Cote) of £350. He had cycled 870 miles in eight days from John O'Groats to Lands End. He now lives in Altrincham.

Ian & Ruth Ramsay

Ruth & Ian Ramsay were married on the 17th September and would like to say thank you to daughters Debbie, Sue and Trudy and grand-daughter Natalie for helping to arrange their wedding day. Also, thank you to everyone else for being there and for all the lovely gifts and cards we received on the day.

A big thank you also to the Golf Hotel, Manager Gary and his staff for making their wedding day very special from start to finish. They had a fantastic day and night, also a big thank you to the Silloth Lifeboat Station for letting them have their photo taken with the lifeboat, they said it was amazing. Thanks also to Stephen Rowell who took their wedding photos, which are beautiful.



Photo courtesy of Stephen Rowell, 07740 956117

Scattering of Ashes

Report by Sue Kent
Silloth Lifeboat Station

On 2nd October
Silloth RNLI lifeboat crew were asked to perform a

'scattering of ashes ceremony' for Captain Joseph Brew, originally from Maryport.

Captain Brew was known as Maurice to his friends and was a sea-faring man for many years, working for the Shaw Saville Line. His family and friends travelled from Essex and Carlisle to witness the RNLI lifeboat crew perform the ceremony off the seafront at Silloth.

His ashes were scattered by his son Simon. Individual white roses were laid on the sea in memory of Maurice by his close friend George Smith.

It was a rough day on the Solway Firth at Silloth and friends said that because Maurice was a seafaring man he had probably arranged the rough weather and heavy rain for the occasion!



Winter Road Safety

Whenever you head out on the road, you should take time to observe the surroundings. Whether the winter weather brings snow, ice, fog or rain, there are steps you can take to reduce the chances of a road accident.

In snow and ice:

- Allow extra journey time to slow down and stop on difficult patches on the road.
- Use a high gear to avoid wheel spin and remember to manoeuvre gently.
- Don't lock your wheels while braking - select a low gear, allow your speed to drop, then use the brake pedal gently.
- If you do start to skid, ease off the accelerator gently. Don't brake suddenly. In fog:
- Use dipped headlights, only use fog lights when visibility is very poor or you will dazzle oncoming drivers.

- Don't fix on the tail lights on the vehicle in front - as you may end up driving too close to them.

In rain:

- Remember stopping distance dramatically increases on wet road surfaces.
- To improve visibility, keep well back from the vehicle in front.
- Unresponsive steering means your tyres are struggling to grip the road. This is a clear sign to ease off the accelerator and slow down gradually.

Brought to you by Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team, you can contact them on: 0845 33 00 247, or email: AllerdaleRuralNPT@cumbria.police.uk.

Your local officers are: PC 476 Andy Robertson and PCSO 5232 Hubert Wiosenski.

WOW!

Report & Photo by:
Lawrence Marshall

The photo shows a cherry tomato which Mrs Eileen Barton of 39 Waver Street, Silloth has grown in her back yard from a growbag.

The circumference is 12 inches and on removing the tomato it weighed 11 ounces.

This must be some sort of record.



Jelly Tots Day Nursery



New Day Nursery now open in Silloth for ages 0 - 5 years.
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Bike Track

The Town Council have received a letter from a group of youngsters in the town asking if it would be possible for the Town Council to consider making a permanent bike track with ramps and obstacles etc.

The Town Council would like to involve the

community and ask if you have any suggestions as to where such a track could be sited. Please send your suggestions to the Town Clerk at 5 Burnswark Terrace, Solway Street, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4EF. Email: townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk.

Cycling Safely

You'll need the right clothing and safety equipment if you're going to cycle regularly on busy roads. You should know the Highway Code and how to ride with confidence. Get advice on the gear you'll need and how to handle busy roads.

Clothing

Make sure you wear clothing that's appropriate for cycling. You should be able to move freely without anything getting caught in your bike's chain or wheels, or covering your lights. You should wear:

- light-coloured or fluorescent clothing that helps other road users to see you in daylight and poor light
- reflective clothing and/or accessories, like a belt or

arm/ankle bands, in the dark Your rucksack can affect your balance on a bike if it's too big or heavy. You could use panniers instead.

Helmets

Helmets can help prevent a head injury if you fall from your bike.

Compulsory lights and reflectors

If you use your bike at night or when visibility is poor, you must fit a:

- white front light
- red rear light
- red rear reflector
- amber/yellow pedal reflectors - front and back on each pedal

Reflectors fitted to the front and the spokes will also help you to be seen.

You can get lights that are steady or flashing or a mixture (steady at the

Free Family Portrait Sessions

The Free Family Portrait Sessions last year were very popular so **Photography by Peter** in support of the **Solway Buzz** will be holding free portrait sessions in Silloth Social Club for the whole family.

No matter whether you want a portrait of a single person or a large family shoot, this is an ideal opportunity to get a free portrait session with no obligation to purchase. Each group reserving a portrait session in advance will also receive an 8"x6" mounted photograph from their session totally free of charge. The event will

be in the function suite of the Social Club on Saturday 26th from 12noon to 4pm and Sunday 27th November from 11am to 4pm. You can reserve a time by telephoning **016973 32180**, or take a chance and just turn up. We do however recommend reserving a time as we expect to be quite busy and you will not qualify for a free print which is worth £11 if you do not reserve a time.

A full studio with professional lighting will be set up in the function suite and you will be able to view your pictures



immediately after your session. There will also be samples of framed prints and canvasses on show to give an idea of the options that are available.



Don't miss this opportunity for a totally free portrait session for the whole family. Tel: **016973 32180** and leave a message now.

Stunt Track Fundraisers



Joel Baker, Lewis Graham, Reece Blake, Owen Dowie and Matthew Oliver plus supporters

Report & Photo by: Diane Graham

On Sunday 6th November 2011 a group of youngsters from Silloth set

off on a sponsored Bike ride to raise money to go towards a new stunt track for bikes. Over the past 12months they have been using land with-in

the Pines, However due to the Greens Regeneration this is now no longer an option and an alternative is to be sought with the help of the Town Council.

The ride set off from the Heritage Centre followed by a cloud of balloons thanks to "Jumbo Parties from the Kandy Shop. The route took the children to Abbetown via Seaville through Southerfield, Westnewton, Mawbray, stopping off for refreshments at Wolsty Hall Farm, kindly provided by Joyce & Kenny Sharp before carrying on back to Silloth.

The total distance covered should of been 15miles but they did do more miles than planned" Thanks to Mick the flying machine"

Thank you to everyone who supported us and a big thank you for Mick & Stuart for biking with us.

Culterham Hall Make-Over

Report & Photo by: Karen Simpson

Culterham Hall committee members and volunteers have been hard at work using their DIY skills.

The 'team' aided by local tradesmen started work on the hall in August. They have been busy knocking down walls and putting up new walls to create a much larger kitchen. The new fully fitted

and equipped kitchen will be suitable for catering up to 100 people. The supper-room and bar area have been remodelled and decorated and a new carpet laid.

The project has been financed from funds raised by the committee and grants and donations from Cumbria Waste Management Environmental Trust, The Big Lottery Fund and Lowther Arms Monday

Club Fund-raising Group.

We would like to thank the above organisations for their financial support, the tradesmen who have worked on the project and all the volunteers who have given their time to help. The new kitchen and supper room will be open for use from the beginning of November.

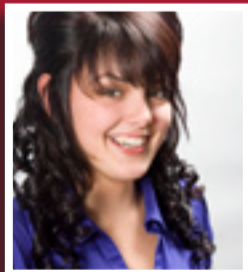
Our next event is the Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 20th November from 10am to 4pm.

We hope we will see you all soon at the hall.

Committee members John Murray & Mary Wrathall fitting units in the new kitchen at Culterham Hall



Photography by Peter



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Sinking Yacht Saved



Report by: Sue Kent

On Sunday 2nd October the Silloth RNLI lifeboat was launched to a stricken yacht four miles west of Silloth.

It was taking on water rapidly and the crew onboard the yacht were worried it may be very close to sinking.

On arrival at the scene Silloth RNLI lifeboat transferred one of their crew members onto the vessel with a salvage pump, he quickly realised that the pump wasn't powerful enough for the amount of water the vessel was taking

onboard.

The lifeboat got the yacht under tow and took the decision to call Workington RNLI all weather lifeboat to assist with pumping out the vessel. Unfortunately a Workington lifeboat crew member was injured transferring from one vessel to the other.

The tow for the stricken vessel was then passed from Silloth lifeboat to Workington lifeboat. They continued to pump out the sinking vessel as well as

towing it back to the Port of Workington.

Silloth lifeboat in the meantime took the injured crewman to Maryport harbour where an ambulance was waiting to take him to hospital.

Mick Satterthwaite, Silloth RNLI Helmsman said "It was a rough day with poor visibility and failing light, which made the conditions difficult. The casualty vessel was towed safely back to Workington everyone was safe and well."

Olympic Torch Comes Close



Allerdale welcomes London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay Route

Allerdale Borough Council has welcomed the news that seven towns and villages in the borough – Wigton, Aspatria, Maryport, Flimby, Workington, Cockermouth and Keswick - are to be part of the Olympic torch relay route.

The Olympic Flame will be visiting Allerdale on 21st June 2012.

Councillor Mark Fryer, Executive member with responsibility for sports development, added: "To have had one town on the Olympic Torch Relay Route would have been good news but to have seven places involved is fantastic. It will be a big day for Allerdale - a chance for community celebrations and to mark the countdown to the start of the Olympic Games."

In announcing the villages, towns and cities LOCOG has realised the aspiration of taking the Olympic Flame to within an hour's journey time of 95% of the population. In fact, over 95% of the population will be within just 10 miles of the Olympic Flame next summer. The street by street detail of the route will be confirmed next year.

People are invited to view the interactive map at www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelaymap to find their nearest community through which the Olympic Flame will be carried.

On the final day of the Olympic Torch Relay, it is LOCOG's intention that the Olympic Flame will travel down the River Thames as it makes its way to the Olympic Stadium on 27 July 2012 for the lighting of the cauldron at the Opening Ceremony, signifying the official start of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Speed Warning

Drivers who speed are more likely to be involved in a collision. Just think at 35mph you are twice as likely to kill a pedestrian as at 30mph. Despite this nearly 50% of motorists regularly exceed the 30mph restriction in built-up areas.

The members of the roads policing unit patrol are conducting speed checks – in particular at Barracks Bridge to Causeway Head junction as well as on other roads to make them safer for everyone.

It is not just excess speed officers look for but inappropriate speed for the road, weather and traffic conditions. Remember the speed limit is not a goal. Excessive speed increases driver error, reduces reaction

time and limits the amount of time available to the driver to observe, plan and anticipate approaching hazards. It also reduces the time the driver has to deal with them.

The message is simple if you don't want penalty points on your license and a £60 fine don't speed, you have only yourself to blame.

Brought to you by Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team, you can contact them on: 0845 33 00 247, or email: AllerdaleRuralNPT@cumbria.police.uk. Your local officers are: PC 476 Andy Robertson (andy.robertson@cumbria.police.uk), PCSO 5232 Hubert Wiosenski (hubert.wiosenski@cumbria.police.uk).

Pre-Xmas Tea

Silloth & District Pensioners held their pre-Christmas tea at St. Andrews Hall. It was Bonfire Night but in Silloth we didn't wait for that, this event certainly went off with a bang - so much so, that more tables had to be erected to cope with the number of people. One thing is for sure Silloth Pensioners and friends know how to create a stir - the youngsters of the area had better look out!

All the stalls doing brisk business and the most important part of the afternoon - the tea. This was made up of tea, coffee, scones, mince pies etc. and didn't take long to demolish and be enjoyed by all present.

We were pleased to welcome Eve with her latest fashions. She did brisk

business and sold a great number of items.

The raffle was well supported and the following were the lucky winners: Dorothy Davison, Linda McCormach, Winnie Allen, Pamela, John Ross, Iris Williams, Mr. Wilkinson, Jean Graham, John Hope, Margery Twentyman, Pauline Cooper, Maureen Grey, Margaret Marr, Nan Crooks, Louise Best, Mary Eccles and Joyce Kippat.

The whole event raised approximately £324 including a donation from Eve.

Thank you to all who supported the event and we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party at Stanwix on Saturday 10th December. Tickets from SOSCS Charity Shop.

Craft Show Quiz Winners

At Silloth Community Craft Show, TV was the theme of both quiz sheets this year.

The first quiz, 'Who Said it' was won by Kenny Robley of Hexham.

The second quiz '50 Years of Corrie' was won by Carol Stockdale of Newton Arlosh.

Both winners won a £10 Gift Voucher.

Thank you all for your support

RNLI Christmas Cards

A wide variety of RNLI Christmas cards are available at the Silloth Lifeboat Station shop along with a selection of diaries, calendars and a large range of gifts - useful for those little stocking fillers!

However due to the limited opening hours of the shop in November (Saturday afternoon 1pm-3:30pm and Sunday 11am - 3:30pm) and December (Sunday only 11am - 3:30pm) a range

of Lifeboat Christmas cards will be available to buy at the following locations:- Cumberland Building Society in Silloth, Allonby Post Office, Made to Measure in Wigton and Donald Scott Estate and Land Agent also in Wigton.

All profits from the sale of Christmas cards and other products go directly to the RNLI so please do support our Lifeboats and their brave volunteer crews this Christmas.



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£4M Renewable Energy Plant Opens



Many local farmers and businesses were invited to the opening



The whole site has been kept very low profile and tidy

Farmgen, the UK's leading specialist in 'energy farming', officially turned on its first £4 million plant in West Cumbria on 4th November.

The Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plant at Dryholme Farm, Silloth, has started supplying electricity to the national grid. The switch-on marked a major milestone

for farm-based AD energy production in Cumbria and for Farmgen's £30 million UK expansion plan.

This latest project is part-funded by Nuclear Management Partners, through Britain's Energy Coast. Farmgen has received a £350,000 grant from Nuclear Management Partners to help connect the

green energy plant to the national grid.

An expert engineering team, led by Kirk Environmental, the UK's only specialist maker of large storage tanks and bio-domes, has built the plant with its distinctive bio-domes. The plant will produce 1.2MW of electricity - enough continuous power for more than 2,200 homes - and will provide a significant boost to Cumbria's rural economy.

Ed Cattigan, Farmgen's Commercial Director, said: "We are all extremely proud of the work carried out by the team of experts we have put together to deliver the project.

"This is a landmark day, not just for Farmgen, but for farm-based AD in Cumbria. We are very grateful for the support of Nuclear Management Partners and Britain's Energy Coast in helping to make this happen."

Chairman of Britain's Energy Coast, Brian Wilson, said: "Britain's Energy Coast allocated funding to this venture so that West Cumbria could be part of the largest anaerobic digestion expansion programme in the UK. We welcome Farmgen's commitment to West Cumbria and wish them every success with the site for many years to come.

"This is a great success story for the region, as well as the nation, and we are proud to support it. Our support for Farmgen also reinforces the point that

the potential for developing energy resources in West Cumbria is not confined to one technology and we will continue to support the innovative development of renewable generation."

The switch-on was being carried out by leading member of the European Parliament Sajjad Karim, who sits on the influential Industry Research and Energy Committee.

Mr Karim, who represents the North West of England in the European Parliament, has championed the use and development of renewable energy resources, especially in the region.

He continues to push for environmental issues to be high on Europe's agenda and has played an important role in drafting the EU international trade committee's road-map for renewable energy.

Ed Cattigan explained: "Dryholme has already generated major interest from farmers, who can see the benefits and the opportunity to create a sustainable and stronger future for themselves by switching to 'energy farming', and once it is operational we believe that interest will increase even further."

"BEC has a clear vision to establish West Cumbria as a centre of excellence and a national hub for low carbon and renewable energy generation and AD can play a key part in seeing that vision become a reality.

"With planning approval for a second Cumbrian plant, an application for our first operation in the south of England in Dorset and many other projects in the pipeline,



Tony Markley with Sajjad Karim MEP and Simon Rigby

these are exciting times for us."

The new Dryholme AD plant will use crops from surrounding fields to create 'biogas', which is then used to generate electricity.

AD plants are already commonplace across Europe - with around 5,000 operating in Germany alone. Farmgen believes the UK can sustain at least 1,000 similar plants.

Arthritis Support

Report by: Gladys Temple

There were apologies from Catherine Cheetham, Mary Harrison, Edna Marper, Norma Jameson, Eleanor Hodgson & Dorethy Lancaster but Chairman Christine Smithson welcomed nine members and speaker Sue Coulter.

Sue now lives in Carlisle and has two daughters; she takes counselling sessions on past life regression, hypnotherapy, relaxation and well being, healing with the angels. Any sitting session can be taken on a Monday by appointment in Wigton while she takes the others at her home in Carlisle. She began training in 2004 and continues to train in various different ways including reflexology and mindfulness. We then settled back and she took us through Mind and

Body Relaxation.

We all enjoyed a lovely relaxing time where we all felt so much better when we came back to earth!

Gladys Temple thanked Sue for a wonderful session of relaxation helping with pain as well as busy minds.

Refreshments were served by Christine Smithson and Mary Thompson while Hilda Miller wore the raffle. There was no one available to represent us at the AGM of the Community Transport. The menu for the New Year Lunch was passed around and everyone made their choices.

We then settled back again for more relaxation listening to a CD.

The next meeting to be held on 2nd Dec when June Fearon will be telling some of her tales.

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community involvement in the environment.

Public, private, voluntary sector and community groups can apply. Individuals and businesses can also apply where the project shows a clear benefit to the wider community.

You will need to demonstrate that your project represents sustainable development which will benefit the Solway Coast AONB.

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Bankmill Show



The first Horticultural Show organised at Bank Mill on 17th September turned out to be a great success.

Two days before the event organisers were informed that since many marquees had been destroyed or damaged in the gales none would be available. With a bit of a shuffle around in the glasshouses and tunnels space was created and the show went on with the advantage that different things could go on at the same time.

The main display took place in the Bedding plant tunnel and almost 200 exhibits were judged and on show to the public.

The Largest Pumpkin Competition open to all schools in the area was rather disappointing for many since long school holidays and hungry animals resulted in a shortage of entries.

We are grateful to Mr & Mrs Joe Holliday, Mayor and Mayoress of Allerdale who opened the event to the public and to the Judges who came from outside the area, Newton Rigg Horticultural College, Penrith and others from West Cumbria

We are also very grateful to STAG who helped sponsor the event and to Messrs Bookers from Carlisle who donated a pig which was served up as a Hog Roast. Side stalls were manned by Abbey friends from Abbeystown along with our staff and together they raised the sum of £600 that



was donated to the Abbey Restoration Fund.

This was the last fund raising event of the year and we are pleased to have been able to raise in excess of £3,000 for charities. Air Ambulance £700, Multiple Sclerosis £1,250, as well as benefitting other organisations like Age UK, Macmillan Nurses, Save the Children, Cancer UK and the Convalescent Home

The usual Autumn Sale of plants is still ongoing and many bargains are to be had. The Nature Reserve is still worth a visit as the Ducks and Geese exhibit their winter colours.

The Maze is proving to be as popular as ever now that it is well established and you can get lost in the middle.

The Dunes Bistro is as busy as ever serving sumptuous home made cakes, scones and hot and cold meals all day.

Orders are now being taken for the usual Xmas Lunches and Parties, so don't miss out.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all customers old and new Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

RNLI Race Night

The Silloth & District Fund-raising Branch of the RNLI held their 4th Race Night at Silloth Social Club. The evening was very well supported and £845 was raised.

Thanks go to Mike Humphries and staff at the Social Club for their generous help, to Mike Weaver who runs the race night and also to all the sponsors who supported the event this year - Associated British Ports - Silloth, Cumbria On a Plate, Famous Five, Markley Transport/Carr's Coaches, Pat Mulford, Hollinshead & King Optician in Wigton, Photography by Peter and Winters Newsagent.

During the evening the Branch's Annual Grand Draw was held and this raised £1,064.

The fund-raising branch would like to thank the many individuals and businesses who took books of raffle tickets to sell, without your help this wonderful amount would not have been raised and of course our sincere thanks to the people who donated the twelve prizes. All prize-winners have been notified and prizes claimed.

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2. Food Processor A Davies 01419
3. £50 Voucher 'Photography by Peter: A&R Davies 00409
4. Portable 'iPod' Charger N Bradley 02991
5. £20 M & S Voucher C White 02801
6. Bottle of Malt Whisky M Davies 02488
7. Bottle of Champagne J Adamson 02972
8. 12 Piece Glassware Set J Cameron 03577
9. Bottle of Sherry Jan 00339
10. Tin of Roses Chocolates Shirley 01365
11. Bottle of Wine D Richardson 05002
12. Oil & Vinegar Set A Keeling 05550

The fund-raising branch would also like to thank everyone who generously donated prizes for the Annual Grand Draw and room raffle, some of which came from supporters of the branch and were donated on the night. All proceeds from the race night and Annual Grand Draw go to the RNLI.

Our next event will be the popular quiz night on the 27th January 2012 in the Golf Hotel.

Sorry Alice!

There was a misunderstanding of the information given on Alice Merritt and her happy times at Tanglewood Caravan Park in the October/November issue.

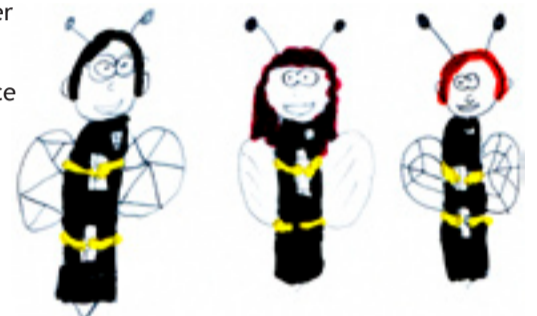
Alice has not died, she has returned home as she is no longer able to visit the site due to health issues.

We hope that Alice and Alice's family will please accept our sincerest apologies for the mistake. Great 'T' shirt by the



way! I wonder who won the bid for your 'T' shirt.

Harry Potter Crew by Lucy Penrice from Holm Cultram Abbey School



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Pictures from a Long Time Ago



One of our readers, Margaret Poland, nee McQueen has sent some interesting old photos to the Buzz.

The elderly gent (first right) is William Allen, who was father to Norman Allen, her great uncle, who was injured at Gallipoli and was mentioned in an article in a recent Buzz.

The photo of the other gent with the birthday cake is of Mr Harvey on his 90th Birthday. Mr Harvey was schoolmaster in Silloth and lived at 3 Church Terrace. Margarets' great aunt Annie Allen was his long time housekeeper.

The photo of the young lady is of Margarets' mother, Marjorie Allen, aged about



14 - and Margaret thinks she was one of the first Rose Queens. These photos date from circa 1934. The group



photo was taken in the garden of a house at the top of Skinburness road. The only person Margaret can recognise is Iris Allison of the dairy (back row - fourth from right).

These photos show how much pride residents took in

their local carnival and the trouble they went to with their outfits. How times have changed.

Margaret was born and brought up in Caldew Street - she has long since moved away, but her heart is still in Silloth.

Sounds of the Sea

A new compilation CD of the most popular classical sea-related music has been launched by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and Classic FM.

It is available from Silloth RNLI shop until it closes on Sunday 11th December, see opening times on page 10.

The RNLI - the charity that saves lives at sea - partnered with Classic FM earlier this year as part of an initiative to thank its supporters. Classic FM invited its listeners to vote for their favourite classical tracks that remind them of the sea.

The result is Sounds of the Sea, a double CD of music inspired by the sea and dedicated to RNLI supporters. At least £1.84 from the proceeds from each sale will go to the RNLI, to help its volunteer lifeboat crews continue their vital work of saving lives at sea.

Tracks on the compilation represent a range of sounds and styles evocative of the sea and its many forms - from Wagner's The Flying Dutchman and Arne's Rule Britannia, to Bax's Tintagel and Binge's Sailing By.

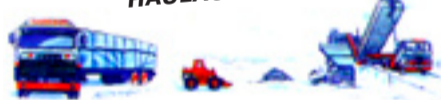


Sir Tim Rice, who supports the RNLI, has written the foreword for the CD booklet. He says: "There is a deep and lasting connection between music and the ocean. For as long as men have gone to sea, they have sung songs and shanties, and throughout the centuries, countless composers and musicians have been inspired by the sea, seeking to capture its many moods and variations."

"So when people listen to this music, I hope that it conjures up wonderful images of the ocean and of the courageous lifeboat crews who save lives at sea."

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A Family at War

The story of the Todd family at war by Arthur Todd

Part 1

Our war began in the year 1914 when William Todd volunteered for His Majesties forces joining the Royal Field Artillery, which he served in until hostilities were brought to a close in 1918. During his war William received serious injuries to his head causing him to have temporary blindness. He fought in the battle of Mons, where it is said that a force of angels were seen in action on behalf of our nation, these were witnessed by both British and German troops. Before the war in 1911 William and Anne Maud steel married and lived in the village of Blitterlees where they started their family. Edith a young girl was first of eleven children in their family and a sad loss during the war at three years of age, she died of german measles.

After the war William returned home and found employment in Carr's Flour Mill where he worked until he retired at the age of 65 years. During that time a large family of boys and girls came along, seven boys and three girls.

We little expected that another war was to catch up on us but that is what happened to us as a family. When the 1939 war began Fred, Bill and John were of the age suitable for His Majesties Service. Fred volunteered for the Border Regiment and they were posted to the war in Europe where they fought a rear guard action back to Dunkirk, being rescued from the Dunkirk beaches and taken back home to start the war again.

After being re-assigned again for battle Fred volunteered for the war in North Africa but it wasn't to be for Fred, he didn't pass his medical because when a young boy he had a serious illness of mastoids, which caused him to be unfit for further service, so he was discharged. Bill, our second brother, had volunteered for the Royal Navy and when war broke out he was already serving His Majesty in the middle east at Aden but was posted back home and was given the task to go in and block the harbour in the now quite famous Dunkirk. Having done his task he was to serve some of his war in Navy Motor Gun Boats. Most of his duties were to keep the English Channel open, which meant at times skirmishes with the German E boats. He said the bombing of Portsmouth was a terrifying experience for him, he said he doesn't think he's ever been so frightened. As a navy man he served wherever he was called upon to do so. As a last duty as a navy man he was posted to



Arthur cycles everywhere, here he is visiting the Editor at Skinburness recently, not bad for an 86 year old

the middle east by Prime Minister Eden to help hand over the Suez Canal to the Egyptian nation about 1947.

In 1948 we as a nation left Palestine, we were not very nicely dealt with. John the third one on the list was called into the Royal Army Medical Core being a militia soldier. His first posting was to Greece when the German army were surging through the country. We had to pull our forces out of Greece so the army medical core were withdrawn to Palestine as the 93rd General Hospital, so their work was to look after the whole middle east and a tremendous job they did for the eighth army and all the other forces of the allies fighting in the middle eastern zone. A great job they did for us thank god! John served in the medics till the hostilities ceased. Thank you John.

Next along came two of our sisters Mary and Jenny, Mary first joined the Land Army and served while the nation needed our land army girls. They've just recently received their medals for gallant service to the nation. Well done Mary and thank you. To Jenny who married a young man who was drafted to the Silloth aerodrome, Barry Payne was his name. He was awarded by Her Majesty the Queen for gallantry in his dedicated work flying the aircraft of Silloth Aerodrome, making them fit for war, "well done Barry".

By 1943 I had reached the age of eighteen, fit for war, you will report to Formby Barracks and from

there to join His Majesties Army as an Infantry soldier. A private soldier in the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. After six months combat training in Sussex then posted to the war in Italy, I landed on Anzio bridgehead in a position called 'Stonk Wood', we were



Arthurs late brother John

given night patrols to do round 'Todhunters Cottage'. Then made the push for Rome, which we took with the aid of the American 5th Army. The Loyals were in the 1st Infantry Division, 2nd Infantry Brigade when we made the push for Rome. King George V came out to inspect us. They pulled us out for a rest to a place called Dusty Valley, just south of Rome. We rested while the push was going for the leg of Italy. We joined the war again to fight for the city of Florence, which we took after several skirmishes. Then the push through the Gothic Line. The fight we had for the great mountain ranges were often very perilous. The Germans were in no hurry to leave them, Mt Chico and Mt Garde. The smallest

Lest We Forget Them

Reports by: Sheona Nicoll and Tim Barker
Photo by: Bill Allen

The annual Royal British Legion Remembrance Service was held in Christ Church, Silloth and led by the new Rector of the Solway Plain Team, Canon Bryan Rothwell.

The church was full and representatives from many organisations attended and presented wreaths. Tim Barker conducted the first part of the service and Rev Rothwell preached and performed the Act of Remembrance at the war memorial in the church grounds.

Standards of the British Legion and the Royal Air Force Association and the Brownie flag led the procession and student cadets from HMS Biter, Silloth's adopted naval vessel attended. The cadets later went to Causewayhead cemetery to pay tribute at the memorials there and plant small crosses by the graves of those killed while serving at RAF Silloth and local people who served in the forces.

The Remembrance



Service is not just dedicated to the two World Wars but honours those fallen in many other conflicts, including the present day. This was underlined by the presence of serving soldier Janine Nicoll (Royal Army Air Corps) who spoke the verse to the fallen "... we will remember them" and also recited the epitaph from the World War Two memorial at Kohima 'When you go home, tell them of us and say, "for your tomorrow we gave our today".'

That epitaph is based on a memorial to the famous 300 Spartans who fought to the last man in 480 BC. People have always been asked to give their lives for others and while wars continue we should continue to remind

ourselves of their sacrifice.

The standards were carried by: Mr David Nicoll, Royal British Legion. Mrs Ann Graham Ws, Royal British Legion. Mrs Sheona Nicoll, RAFA. Miss Charlette Hetherington, Brownies.

Wreaths were laid by: Mr Colin Baty, Royal British Legion. Mrs Isabel Gilmour Ws, Royal British Legion Navy Cadets. Army Air Corps, Cpl Janine Nicoll R.A.F.A. Wing Cmd, Ret, Kevin Anderton. R.O.C., Mr R Pickering. Police, Pc A Robertson. Fire Service, David Wood. Town Council, Mrs M Baty. Church Council, Mrs M Graham. R.N.L.I., Mr E Studholme. Masonic Lodge, Mr P Prudhoe. Rotary, Mr J Aird Brownies, Miss Natalie Wood. 1st Responders, Mrs Lorna Gilmour.

Over 60's, Mrs Margaret Durham. Also the lads and lassies of the life boat, thank you all so very much.

Hudson Mk V 786 Crash

Report by: William Lister

I recently visited the immaculately kept war graves at Silloth Cemetery.

As a nine year old schoolboy I saw the Lockheed Hudson Mk V 786 crash at Fawkes Farm, Hayborough, Dearham. The aeroplane was crewed by an all Australian crew who unfortunately perished that Sunday morning on 28th December 1941.

Some 70 years after the event I visited the local library and found a book listing the crashes and sites of planes which came down during the war. I found the Hudson Mk V 786 listed with the names of the crew



members who died.

With the crew being Australian I thought that these men may be interned at Silloth so I went along to investigate and found the graves of the men I saw die as a young schoolboy.

These men have been in my thoughts on occasions throughout my life, now I have the names and rank of these men and also the burial site, they are

Sgt Gerald Ian Dacres Backhouse 29yr, Sgt Harold Puusepp 20yr, Sgt Robert Gillespie Luke 23yr, Sgt Richard Wyke Allsop 26yr and one other.

I now visit their resting place with reverence and pay homage to those men whose memories have been with me since childhood.

God be with all the airmen who lost their lives at Silloth.

mountain was as big as our Skiddaw. What gallant men are these warriors from our fair British Isles. It has been my privilege to know them, don't let us forget them. One day they came to us and said that we were going out of the line, the yanks are gonna relieve you, we would only believe it when we saw it but all our doubts were dispelled when one day soon after, we should see one of the best sights I've ever had the privilege to see. They came to us and said they had come to relieve us a top US Army Sergeant commanded his men to get into the trenches, and for us to "get the hell out", for gerry was sure to shell us. We ran out of the danger zone. "O happy days". The war in our section of the front was taken over by the brave American soldiers,

thank god for them. We, as young men, thought our next mission was to be in the Burma jungle but the allies decided upon the atom bomb. So Arthur, you are going home. So in 1947 I landed home to dear old Silloth nestling in the Cumberland hills.

Ronnie's next. Where have they posted him to? He's in the Border Regiment serving in Europe helping to clear the bombed cities up. Will we ever learn about war? That was some task. We daren't look at it. We have caused such a mess us humans. It is 2011 when I write this and still we are trying them for crimes committed. Ronnie isn't with us any more. I expect I'll catch up with him. Thanks Ronnie you did your best. Minnie the youngest

sister married to Steven Todd from Maryport, war hasn't quite finished for Steven her son, he has been posted to Northern Ireland for a stint. Are we still fighting? Occasionally there is a flare up. It is so sad. When will we ever learn? So Edward of the Royal Army Catering Core, just make sure you and Roy of the Royal Army Medical Core are there to ensure that this crazy world doesn't blow its top again. We need a new people full of Christian ideals to take over the reigns, we don't want anymore Hitlers, let us humans reach out for everlasting peace which only God can offer us.

What do you say folks?

There will be another portion of Arthurs memories next month.

To Russia with Love



During the last week, before the October half term holidays, pupils in Year 5 organised two events to raise money for the Love Russia Organisation. The Love Russia Organisation supports orphaned children in Russia. Debbie Bradley from the charity came into school in October.

Following her assembly the children in Year 5 decided to organise a variety of events to raise money to help the orphans. They arranged themselves into

committees and planned their fund-raising event. This involved writing a letter to pupils and parents, as well as organising the actual event.

The cake sale held on Wednesday 19th October proved very popular with both pupils and staff! Over £60 was raised from selling cakes (baked by pupils and their parents) at 20p a time.

The non-uniform day on Friday 21st October was also very successful. School pupils and staff looked very colourful, in their outfits

of blue, red and white (the colours of the Russian flag).

In total from the two events an impressive £204.40 has been raised. Year 5 pupils are keen to organise more events so watch this space.

The pupils in Year 5 deserve to be congratulated for their fantastic effort. They have worked well together and developed some very important skills, as well as raising money for a deserved charity. Thank you also to all the parents for supporting these ventures..

Heart Start Silloth



Founder member Peter Gilmour introduced a large assembly of invited guests at the school to the work of Silloth First Responders and their new status having been accredited as a Heart Start town.

It all started when several like minded people first got together in November 2001 with a view to obtaining a defibrillator and setting up a first responders group as there are no ambulances able to reach Silloth in just a few minutes. They had their first call out on Wednesday

20th Feb 2002 and shortly afterwards became an official First Responders Group with a defibrillator funded by the British Heart Foundation.

This meeting in the school was to celebrate the fact that Silloth is one of the first towns in the whole country to be designated a Heart Start town with twelve defibrillators, one for each volunteer team member. They intend to be at a patients location in under three minutes from receiving a call on their pagers from the ambulance

service. You cannot call the first responders direct - their calls are always initiated by the ambulance service to give cover until a paramedic or ambulance can reach the patient.

Amazingly the First Responders have now trained about 90% of pupils at the school in CPR as half of the team have now qualified as instructors.

If you are going to have a heart problem, Silloth must be about the best place in the whole of the UK to be!

Well done to them all.

Silloth RNLI Recover Body from Sea

Police were alerted to the grim find of a body off the seafront at 4pm on 18th October by the coastguard from Liverpool, it had been reported to them by a member of public walking along the seafront.

Steve Henderson, Senior Helmsman on Silloth lifeboat said "This was a very

harrowing find, especially at 4pm on a Tuesday afternoon, as there could have been young children about. The lifeboat crew coped tremendously with a very difficult situation and because of their intense training from the RNLI, they were able to carry out their duties very professionally".

A spectator, John Watson said "well done to the towns lifeboat crew for a call out I witnessed from the promenade. The sea was really rough and they were called out to recover a body from the sea, which I later found out was very badly decomposed, I know these people are volunteers and to see them in action, and then to realise what a grim task they had just carried out filled me with admiration, it was enough for me just to watch them pull the body into the boat from a distance, well done everyone".

It was later ascertained that body found off Silloth seafront was that of 28 year old Steven Trainor from Smithfield Market, Dublin, Ireland. He had been reported missing since 19th September 2011, there are no suspicious circumstances.

Voluntary Social Car Scheme Volunteers Wanted

The Voluntary Car Scheme provides alternative transport to members of the community who cannot make their journey by public or private transport throughout Cumbria.

The service is very much appreciated by the customers who rely on volunteer drivers to get them out and about. The coordinators and drivers enjoy helping people and striking up new friendships with their customers. Typical journeys include getting to the shops, doctor, making public transport connections and visiting friends.

Coordinators receive requests for journeys and arranges for a driver to provide transport. Collects and checks drivers' claim forms before sending them to the County Council. Helps

recruits drivers and publicise the scheme locally.

Drivers use their own car to pick up customers and are reimbursed at 40p/mile travelled. The County Council also provides additional insurance for drivers against loss of no claims bonus, personal accident and public liability. Drivers keep a record of fares taken and total miles travelled and are reimbursed for their mileage on a monthly basis by the County Council. As drivers are volunteers they decide how many hours they can spare, however little, it is most welcome.

If you're interested in co-ordinating and/or driving in Silloth, please call Katy Wood for an information chat at the Integrated Transport Team, Cumbria County Council on 01228 226721 or email katy.wood@cumbria.gov.uk.



Shop Doubles Size

C&D Supplies who recently took over Dels DIY have now expanded into the empty shop next door. David said "Claire and I have been amazed at the positive response we have had from both locals and tradesmen to our expanded range of merchandise. This very positive start to owning a shop in Silloth has encouraged us to take on the empty flower shop next door and use that space to properly exhibit

our comprehensive range of workwear and safety equipment".

They have had one glitch to their plans when BT turned off the old phone number and then told them they cannot be reconnected until mid November on the new number 016973 32118. They apologise for the frustration this has caused. Also, because they do not have a phone line, they cannot yet take card payments.

Jean Miller is 100 Not Out

Report by: Mary Marshall

Jean Miller retired with her husband to West-View Silloth in 1972 celebrated her 100th birthday in Silloth Nursing Home on October 1st. She was born Jean Lightfoot at Smart-Hill, Abbeytown on October 1st 1911. She married farmer John Miller from Crosscanonby Hall, Maryport in 1943. They went into business in the Empire Cafe in Maryport and later a confectionary shop in Corporation Road, Workington and later moved to Morven, Siddick, Workington before finally retiring to Silloth. She specialised in baking and icing wedding cakes.

She celebrated her birthday with a small gathering of family and friends at Silloth Nursing Home. Auntie Jean was delighted with all the cards and gifts and especially the

cards from The Queen and Ian Duncan-Smith the Works and Pension minister. A life long Methodist she devoted much of her time to the church and church events. She was also very good at china - painting. Her garden of flowers and vegetables gave her much pleasure. Her memory and mind are remarkable.



Abbeytown M.U.

Report by: Gladys Temple

Branch Leader Maureen Gibson welcomed visitors from Aspatria and Dearham MU's then led the prayers. Norman Godfrey needed no introduction and began his musical slide show 'Venice to the North Sea' He travelled 2,500 km on his bicycle from Venice to Prague and on to Hamburg and the North Sea.

Elaine Atkinson thanked Norman for a stunning show with wonderful music. Refreshments were served by Joan Winter, Elaine Atkinson and Elsie Donald. Noeline Foster and Freda Garner sold the tickets and the raffle winners were Maureen Gibson, Muriel Studholme, Elsie

Donald, Noeline Foster and Elsie Foster. Maureen Funnell Aspatria and Mary Day Dearham thanked Abbeytown members for a lovely evening.

Birthday greetings were sung to Muriel Studholme and Elsie Foster while a plant was presented to Elaine Atkinson for her and Malcolm's Silver Wedding Anniversary. Joan Winter read a record of the September Meeting and Maureen reported how she, Elsie Donald, Elsie Foster and Gladys Temple had enjoyed a lovely 'Quiet Evening' at Dearham on Wednesday. The Carol Service will be at Netherton on 5th December.



Letters



Dear Buzz,
A quick email to say thank you very much for the great article you put in the Buzz for us. We have already had people contacting us about volunteering, so this is fantastic for us.

Thanks again

Nia-Maria Quinlan
Volunteer Coordinator
West Cumbria Carers

Dear Buzz,
I would like to thank the people who helped me when I fell in Silloth on 31st August. There was only one name I heard and it was Mick Satterthwaite, he made a few phone calls and was a great help and a lady from Dalston who went for my husband also the ladies from the HSBC bank. Thank you everyone it was very much appreciated. I am keeping better but it is going to take time for my hip to heal.

Mrs Mary Mattinson
Abbeytown

Dear Buzz,
Pictures: Albert on his motor bike and The Terrible Eight in 1916

As Remembrance Day approaches the following might make for "Local News".
My uncle is remembered in the "Field of Remembrance in London" every year. His friends were known as 'The Terrible Eight', they too are remembered. Albert Sorensen Wood was a Dispatch Rider, he was awarded the Belgian 'Croix de Guerre' on 12th July 1918 for service in the Great War, he is buried in the new cemetery at Causewayhead. I believe he was the only soldier from Silloth to be awarded the cross of honour bestowed and presented by Leopold of Belgium. He was a founder member of the Silloth Motor Club.

Olive Wood

Dear Buzz,
Having moved to Silloth from Nottinghamshire four months ago, my husband and I wondered what Halloween would be like here. We lived in a very small village in Nottinghamshire and in our 28 years there, we only had one set of Trick or Treaters! This year however, we weren't disappointed and had lots of Trick or Treaters calling through the evening. Some of the costumes were incredible and we had a very scary "Michael Myers." All of them looked wonderful and had put a lot of effort into their outfits, from toddlers to teens they were all very polite and seemed to be enjoying their eerie evening. I've seen an amazing design for carving a pumpkin, so roll on next year!

Regards

Mrs Jennifer Bailey

Dear Buzz,
May I congratulate you on your 100th edition of The Solway Buzz. It is a great paper, with lots of news and information for our area. Well done to all concerned. I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who attended our Harvest Thanks Giving weekend at Greenrow Pentecostal Church. Donations for the Disaster Emergency Committee East Africa Famine Appeal were £262.20. Thanks again for the generous donations.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Gate

Dear Buzz,
Autumn is upon us as the daylight hours fade away and we prepare for the winter ahead. I feel I must again thank the small group of people who continue to work tirelessly on an annual basis to prepare and promote the wide and varied selection of events



around not only Silloth but the surrounding villages and communities within the Solway Coast area. We have endured some rather challenging weather this year but as usual the local residents and visitors have gathered to support these annual local events which promote Silloth and the Solway Coast as a favoured visitor destination. This year the area has welcomed some new events such as "The Scarecrow" coffee weekend at Chichester Hall Skinburness, a weekly Table Top Sale in the Community Hall and continued with firm favourites such as The Silloth Vintage Rally, Carnivals in Silloth and Abbeytown, The Kite Festival, Solfest and continued to host one of the most popular annual attractions on the west coast "The Silloth Music and Beer Festival" which was extremely well attended this year. The final annual event to look forward to which is extending and getting better every year will be the "Christmas Lights" when again a small group of hardy people endure the winter weather to make sure their properties and our town joins in the festive spirit of celebrating Christmas. The major project of regenerating Silloth Green commences this autumn and will continue through the winter months with a new revitalised area for next year. This can and indeed will make Silloth and its wonderful Green an even better place to host these annual events. Thanks again to all the dedicated event organisers and helpers ensuring these annual events continue to take place throughout the year, I look forward to Silloth and the Solway coast maintaining its position as a great place to live, work and visit.

Regards,

Tony Markley
Silloth Town Councillor
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Twelve Days of Christmas by Trisha Ashley

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This is a perfect story for Trisha Ashley fans, full of Trisha's trademark wit and quirkiness, delightful minor characters, surprising situations and a heart-



warming finale. There's some very inventive and satisfying plotting in this story, and you'll finish the book with a big smile on your face.

The Hairy Bikers' 12 Days of Christmas: Fabulous Festive Recipes to Feed Your Family and Friends by Si King and Dave Myers

This book is excellent. It has everything you need to put on a Christmas spread: from chutneys, Christmas cake, mince pies, fudge, truffles, to soups and even a gin and tonic sorbet! With a variety of sections from Christmas Eve right through to New Year's Day you will never be short of culinary ideas. Really easy to follow, sensible wholesome food that leaves a good old fashioned full feeling of contentment. With recipes that are



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Masthead Winner

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You don't have to be at school here to send a bee to us. If you are here on holiday we would love to receive your bee drawing, just tell us your name, where you are from and where you are staying. You will find our address on page 4.

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Presentations



Above: Chantelle receiving a cheque on behalf of Silloth First Responders from Liz Nicholson and Eric Stanwix

Right: Liz receiving a cheque from Eric Stanwix to be given to the Cumberland Infirmary Kidney Unit.

At their seventeenth bi-annual get together in Stanwix Park Holiday Centre the Country and Western devotees presented cheques from donations raised by big hearted Country and Western fans at their last



meeting in Silloth. Silloth First Responders received £600 and the Kidney Unit at the Cumberland Infirmary also received £600.

Flower Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

The Annual Open Night for Abbeystown Flower Club was held in the Assembly Rooms in October.

Chairman Ruth Pinney welcomed everyone and introduced John Dalton with his demonstration 'Autumn Melody'. John tells funny stories all the time he is placing his flowers and kept everyone entertained with tales from his various travels all over the country and even Spain where he regularly gives Demonstrations. He mainly enjoys travelling around Scotland and had lots of tales to tell. His first arrangement was on top of a large grey urn and began with a purple feather duster with lots of foliage and a mask covered in purple feathers, finished off with green reflex chrysanthemums and cream carnations. The next arrangement was in a very

large bowl filled with lots and lots of ivy then masses of peach roses set among it. The arrangement for the cloakroom was on top of a statue of a little boy with purple flowers, variegated foliage and a mixture of orange gerbera and magnificent purple orchids. One in a wire basket with a mixture of variegated foliage and berries with large bronze chrysanthemums and peach gerbera. For the kitchen a large fruit bowl was filled with dark red carnations, pink roses and ostermeria with pink carnations. John had made another arrangement earlier to match the kitchen one but was suitable for a guest bedroom. He also gave a beautiful orchid for the raffle which took place with the lucky ladies being Caroline Little, Jenny Scogins, Maureen Gibson, Molly Harrison, Isabel Mills and Isabel Baird.

Causewayhead WI

Report by: Pat Froggatt

At their October meeting Causewayhead WI welcomed James Jackson from Shap who gave a talk on Cheese and Cheese making.

Mr Jackson started his talk by stating that he came into cheese making by accident as he obtained a large Cheddar cheese. He discovered that there was no one selling cheese at Penrith market so he decided to sell his Cheddar there. This proved to be very successful and he then went on to obtain Stilton and Wensleydale cheeses. This was the start of his determination to promote British cheeses and also the local Cumbrian cheeses. One of his successes was being able to develop a cheese which was as near to the French Roquefort as it is possible to get. He also stated that it is possible to produce cheese similar to the Danish Blue. Because of the varieties of cheeses in the UK we really don't need to import cheese as we can replicate most of the foreign cheeses. Samples of some of the cheeses he had brought with him were passed round to members to taste. I think everyone enjoyed this part of the evening. Another of his products that Mr Jackson

had brought with him was his butter, and again a sample of this was passed round to everyone to taste - it was absolutely delicious. One of the interesting points that Mr Jackson made was that because of the natural plants and water of different areas of the country then different types of cheeses could be made and also butter had a slightly different flavour. One of the most interesting points was that Mr Jackson said you should always eat cheese at room temperature, so if you plan to have cheese in the evening take it out of the fridge at coffee time.

This was an extremely fascinating and informative talk and all the members were engrossed in what he had to say.

A vote of thanks was given by Frances Jackson.

We discussed the meal to be provided by the Committee at the AGM in December which again would be salad, cold meats, hot potatoes and instead of dessert we would have cakes.

The Christmas Lunch had been arranged for the 16th December at The Golf Club - menu handed round to members so that they could let Olga know at the next meeting what they would like.

Barnacle Geese



Photo by: Kevin Anderton

As the barnacle geese return once again from

Svalbard, here is a rather good picture from last year taken at Grune Point.

Fishermen Thank RNLI



Report by: Sue Kent

Two local fishermen who were rescued on 8th October, came to visit the RNLI lifeboat station to thank the crew who saved their lives that afternoon.

Their cries for help were heard by a member of the public who called 999 and alerted Liverpool Coastguard. Silloth RNLI lifeboat together with rescue teams from Burgh-by-Sands and Maryport were alerted.

The fishermen, James Bennett and Darren Scott, were picked up off the seafront by Silloth RNLI lifeboat. It took 14 minutes from getting the alert to

recovering and treating the two men for hypothermia onboard the lifeboat. Once the lifeboat returned to the station further first aid was administered and then they were taken by ambulance to the Cumberland Infirmary.

The pair had been fishing for shrimps in the 'Boy Bailey' at Cardrunk Flats north of Silloth when their nets got snagged and they overturned. The boat immediately sank and the men spent an hour drifting in the water supported by life rings before being noticed. Eddie Studholme Lifeboat Operations Manager at Silloth RNLI said they had

Toy Soldier Museum

The cavalry are still coming!

The delays to Silloth's proposed toy soldier attraction seem to have gone on forever but the organisers are now beginning to make the finishing touches. The hope is to open quietly at

weekends only during the winter and have a showy launch event next Spring to bring people into the town.

Watch for posters or news over the next few weeks of when the doors will finally be unlocked.

been extremely lucky, firstly, they had managed to grab the life rings and secondly, the tide had carried them some 4.5 miles to Silloth where they were spotted by a member of public.

They were later released from hospital safe and well.



Tutankhamun Bee by Milly Henderson from Holme St. Cuthbert School

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Tennis Club Juniors

(NEW) Silloth Tennis Club Mini Tennis Player of the Month

Report by: David Wise

As a new feature to our juniors the club are selecting a player of the month from Tuesday night coaching sessions. The award is given to the player who the coaching team recognise as having put a lot of effort into their sessions and who has improved their game. The first award goes to Roy Bervoets.

The Autumn sessions have seen a big increase in coaching numbers and with sessions now full the club have had to introduce a waiting list for some of the earlier times.

The winter season sees the club taking part in the under 8 and under 9 leagues at Carlisle with six of our regular juniors taking part in county coaching sessions.

In terms of social occasions the club will be hosting their regular awards evening in December and we are also hoping to put on a trip to the Great Britain v Slovakia Davis Cup match in February and a possible tour next summer.

This year's presentation night is being held in the Social Club on Saturday the 10th of December. Tickets from £2 from David Wise, Wendy Richardson and committee members.

The club are looking to run a trip to see Andy Murray and the Great Britain team take on the Slovak Republic in February. Please see David Wise for further details.

Silloth Makes Its' Mark at Cumbria LTA Awards

The first ever Cumbria LTA awards took place in October at Penrith Rugby



September
Roy Bervoets
Age: 10
Mini Tennis level: Green 4
Lives: Silloth
How long playing Tennis?
6 Years
What part of coaching do you enjoy most?
The warm up games and doubles matchplay



October
Milly Henderson
Age: 8
From: Silloth
How Long Playing: 1 year
What's best about playing?
Keeping fit and being with friends
What other sports do you play?
Football, Baseball, Netball and Hockey

Club and Silloth Tennis Club made its' presence felt as the club were nominated in the "Places to Play" category, the committee of Louise Stoddart, Tina Paton, Wendy Richardson, Julie Fisher and Emma and Alan Oliver were nominated in the "Volunteer of the Year" category and

Emily Wise in the "Most Improved Player" section with the under 8 team being presented with their North Cumbria winners pennant.

To round off a great night David Wise was awarded the "Development Coach of the Year" as well as "Referee of the Year" categories.



Party Bee
by Anna Fisher from
Holme St. Cuthbert School



Happy Bee
by
Aidan Martin from
Silloth Nursery School

Seagulls Sponsors



Report by: Gareth Lewis

Silloth AFC is proud to announce five new sponsors for the 2011/12 season.

Firstly the Saturday team has a fantastic new orange and black away kit thanks to the generosity of shirt sponsor the Club Victoria Pizza Cafe (www.theclubvictoriapizza.com).. Owners Martin Bell and John Peacock came down to officially present the kit to the team at the home fixture against St Bees and the Seagulls repaid them with a 6-2 victory. The club would like to say a big thank you to Martin and John, and would urge all fans of the Seagulls to get themselves to 18 Victoria Place, Carlisle for a quality home made pizza!

When local builder Joseph 'Jobby' Dunn approached manager John Slack about how best he could support the Saturday team it was agreed that providing the players with rain jackets would be a superb gesture. Joseph and his son Charlie were on hand to present the jackets to the players at a recent training session and now each member of the Saturday squad can wear their club jacket with pride.

Also, a special mention must go to Silloth AFC Club Secretary Colin Baty who made a sizeable contribution to the cost of the jackets and was instrumental in acquiring them. Joseph Dunn runs a local Building and Plastering business, and if you need any work carried

Above: Joseph Dunn and his son Charlie with Lewis Mulla, Ryan Hanley, Andrew Trestianu, Mark Glencross and Sam Brough.

Below: Glen Holder with Ryan Hanley, Liam Wilson and Lewis Mulla



out then don't hesitate to give him a ring on 016973 22707.

The club now has five brand new sub suits thanks to the generosity of Glen Holder from Solway Private Hire. These suits will be used by the Saturday team, Sunday team, under 18's and the veterans, and will certainly keep out the cold for those of us who regularly warm the bench! Glen presented the new sub suits to the Saturday team assistant manager Liam Wilson and as you can see from the picture the two players modelling the suits (Ryan and Lewis) certainly appreciated their warmth on a cold September evening! Solway Private Hire offers car and minibus hire for day trips, nights out, airport runs and they also offer self drive van hire. Give Solway Private Hire a ring on 016973 32310.

Enkev Natural Fibres have also been kind enough to provide the new Silloth Sunday team (Silloth Albion) with £75 of sponsorship. This is a fantastic gesture and is a massive boost for this new side, which continues to go from strength to strength.

David 'Bo' Beeby and the participants of the Silloth Rugby Club Masters golf competition have once again provided the club with a brand new Mitre match ball. This was very well received.

It is fantastic to see such enthusiasm from local business for their football club and it is very much appreciated by all those involved with Silloth AFC. All the teams (Saturday, Sunday, under 9's, under 18's and veterans) look forward to repaying this support with some excellent results on the pitch!

Solway Holiday Village

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Silloth Albion F.C.



Report by: Colin Baty

The new Silloth Albion football team has entered the Workington and District Sunday League.

We have had an overwhelming turnout of players with between 20 and 38 players attending training since late June. Needless to say the Management Committee of David Brough, Colin Blakeley and Colin Baty have had to use a rotation policy to try and keep players happy for some of the time.

We all must give a big thank you to the Albion Inn for sponsoring us this season.

Matches started back in August and at the moment we've found it tough at times but as proved in the past a new team always takes about three years to mature - it's not an instant process. As some of the lads are returning to organised football for the first time since school, for some of them it's a distant memory! At the moment Albion lie in sixth place out of eight in

the third division. Having beaten Broughton 6-2 away and Galloping Horse at home 2-1. There have been four defeats, some closer than others! And, we have gone out of the League Cup and County Cup at the first round. But we still have to enter the Presidents Cup and Divisional Cup.

Matches are played at 2pm on Sundays, so during the dark winter weekends in sunny Silloth there's something extra to participate in or attend.

Silloth Seagulls F.C.



Sponsors Martin Bell (far left) and John Peacock (far right) with the Seagulls' squad

Report by: Gareth Lewis

Seagulls up for the Cup!

After the cup heroics of last season ended with the Seagulls lifting two trophies (as well as reaching another two semi-finals and a quarter-final) there was an air of expectation as the team began a new quest for silverware with three cup fixtures in October.

The Seagulls are through to the 3rd round of the County Cup after a battling 3-1 victory over Wigton Athletic.

Silloth were quick out of the blocks and Andrew Trestianu opened the scoring in the second minute. However, the Seagulls could not capitalise on this fast start, were wasteful in possession and conceded a penalty to leave the score line 1-1 at half time. Andy Hinde scored within a minute of the restart to restore Silloth's one goal advantage, but the game was far from won. The Seagulls conceded a second penalty after a rash challenge by goalkeeper Chris Telford, but he redeemed himself with a superb one handed save. Silloth finally got a grip of the tie with 15 minutes to go, as their passing game began to click. Andy Hinde scored his second goal to make the game safe and take

the Seagulls into the 3rd round.

Man of the match was left-back Calvin Rowell who was outstanding in both defence and attack.

The Seagulls' defence of the ISS Peter Dawson Benevolent Cup is over after a 3-2 defeat at Borough. Silloth started the game well and were quickly two goals to the good. Paul Hayton scored first with a powerful header from a corner and Andrew Trestianu added the second with a superbly struck free-kick from 25 yards, but poor marking at a corner left the Seagulls 2-1 up at half time. Silloth went on the offensive at the start of the second half as they looked to increase their lead. Mark Glencross went close when his shot was tipped over the bar, but a third goal would not come. The Seagulls were then caught with the double-whammy of a clearly offside goal being allowed to stand and a deflected shot that wrong footed goalkeeper Conor Merone (who was outstanding on his debut). Silloth only had 5 minutes left to find an equaliser, but despite their best efforts the match ended in defeat. Luke Graham was a deserved man

of the match thanks to an assured display at right-back that belied his young age.

The Seagulls progressed to the second round of the Smurfit Kappa Conway Cup after a 3-2 home win against Windscale. The blustery conditions were not conducive to good football, but when Silloth did get the ball down and play they created a number of excellent chances. However most of these were spurned until Adam Carr gave the Seagulls a 1-0 lead just before half time. Silloth were not quite as wasteful in front of goal in the second half as striker Andy Hinde grabbed a brace and took his tally for the season to 20. It was a nervous last 5 minutes for manager John Slack as the Seagulls conceded two sloppy goals, but the comeback wasn't on and Silloth moved safely into second round of the Conway Cup. This was a much improved performance by the Seagulls as the entire team worked hard to get a winning result, no more so than Andy Hardman and Andy Hinde who were both tireless in their efforts up front. Man of the match was Calvin Rowell with another superb display at left-back.

Junior Golf Finals Day

Report by: Mark Smith

Both of our Junior Championship finals turned out to be the closest in many a year, the main Championship final brought together Luke Graham and Andy Hill in what proved to be an extremely tense affair. Both players played some excellent golf but after 18 holes there was



Andy Hill, Bill Coulthard (match referee), Luke Graham

still nothing to separate the players so it was now sudden death and back down the 1st, halves followed on the 19th and 20th but it was Luke who came through on the 21st to take his first Club Championship Title.

The Black Marker Championship was again an extremely tight affair with Adam Dixon taking

on Emily Smith. The lead changed hands on several occasions with some outstanding golf on display from both players. It was Adam though who came through to take the title closing out the match on the 17th. Well done to all four of our finalists and congratulations to our new champions.



Emily Smith and Adam Dixon



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