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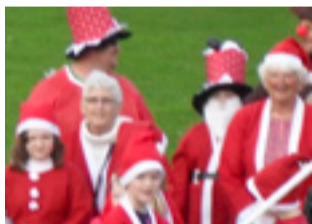
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Rotary News

Report by: Geoff Betsworth

Being a Rotarian is not always easy (ho ho ho)

I have visited Solway Community Technology College, where on behalf of the Rotary Club, I (along with President Tim Barker and Past President Jim Aird) had the pleasure of judging the initial round of the Rotary Young Chef competition. The judges agreed unanimously on the overall very high standard of meals presented by the year 10 contestants.

Among the mouth-watering main courses were Toad in the Hole, Chicken Breast Stuffed with Cumberland Sausage, Beef Wellington, Duck Breasts, Chicken Wrapped in Bacon and Venison cooked in Sloe Gin. The puddings were equally impressive and included Lemon Mousse with Shortbread, Raspberry & Chocolate Roulade, Banoffee Pie and the old favourite Sticky Toffee Pudding.

The winners on the day were Hannah Smith with her main of Italian Chicken followed by Homemade Shortcake and Raspberry Mousse and second place went to Alana Bicknell with a succulent Pan Fried Fillet of Beef followed by Raspberry & Chocolate Mousse. An indication of the standard of the cuisine was that there was only half a point between the first and second place. Hannah and Alana will now go on to the next round of the competition and we wish them lots of luck with their culinary endeavours. I am sure the other judges will join with me in applauding all the contestants for their superb efforts.

You will probably be aware that at this time of year the Rotary Club decides which local and national charities and other worthy causes should receive a donation from the club. It is largely due to the generosity of the people of Silloth and the surrounding areas when they put their donations in the tins or buckets that we are able to continue making these donations. The recipients this year were as follows:

Abbeytown Pre School,



Katie Hart smartly dressed for the job in hand

Calvert Trust, Alzheimer's Society, Chrysalis, Cumbria Deaf Association, Eden Valley Hospice, Macmillan Cancer Support, Silloth RNLI, Sightsavers, James Rennie, Holme St. Cuthbert, Holme Cultram, Silloth Community & Silloth Primary Schools, WaterAid, Silloth First Responders, British Heart Foundation, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Silloth Open Door Group, Riding for the Disabled, Jigsaw, Carlisle Special Baby Unit, Silloth Nursing Home, Silloth Junior Football Club, Silloth Community Bus, Silloth Youth Club, Prostate Cancer Research, Hospice at Home and Smile Train

Last but by no means least, a reminder to make sure you tell the kids to keep an eye out for Santa Claus when he visits the town once again on



Sunday 18th December. He will be setting off from Skinburness at 3:30pm and will visit Skinburness Drive and then follow the traditional Carnival route through the town ending up in West Silloth. He will be handing out gifts to the little ones and his team of helpers, resplendent in their new high-vis jackets, will be carrying large yellow buckets in which to drop any spare cash for Rotary charities (see above).



Christmas & New Year Arrangements in Allerdale

Allerdale Borough Council's closure and bin collection arrangements for the Christmas and New Year period are as follows:

Office closure dates:

Allerdale House, Customer Services Centre and the Telephony Contact Centre, Workington - Closed from 12 noon, 23rd December (last payments taken at 11:45am), re-opens 3rd January (8:45am to 5pm).

Council Customer Service Centres at Wigton, Keswick, Cockermouth and Maryport - Closed from 12 noon, 23rd December (last payments taken at 11:45am), re-opens 3rd January (9am to 5pm).

Tourist Information Centre, The Wave Centre, Maryport - closed 24th, 25th and 26th December, and 1st and 2nd January. Open all other days 10am to 4pm.

Tourist Information Centre, Solway Coast Discovery Centre, Silloth - closed from 12 noon, 23rd December, re-opens 12th January (10am to 4pm).

Museums:

Helena Thompson Museum, Workington - closed from 4:30pm, 22nd December, re-opens 3rd January (1:30pm to 4:30pm).

Maryport Maritime Museum - closed from 24th December, re-opens 6th January.

Keswick Museum - closed (winter season).

The Wave Centre, Maryport - closes at 8pm on 22nd December. Closed 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th December. Open 28th and 29th December. Closed 30th and 31st December and 1st January. Reopens 10am on 2nd January.

Leisure centres:

Workington Leisure Centre - closed from 8pm

on Friday 23rd December. Closed 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th December. Open from 10am to 4pm, 28th, 29th and 30th December. Closed 31st December, 1st and 2nd January. Reopens on 3rd January.

Cockermouth Leisure Centre - closed from 8pm on Friday 23rd December. Closed 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th December. Open from 10am to 4pm, 28th, 29th and 30th December. Closed 31st December, 1st and 2nd January. Reopens on 3rd January.

Keswick Leisure Pool - closed from 5pm on Thursday 22nd December. Closed 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th December. Open 7am to 9pm, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th of December. Closed 31st December and 1st January. Reopens 2nd January.

Domestic refuse collections:

Weather permitting, refuse, paper and purple bag recycling will be collected one day later than normal in the weeks commencing 26th December and 2nd January. There will be no garden waste collections in the weeks commencing 12th, 19th and 26th December and weeks commencing 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd January.

Please try to put waste out on the correct day. Check your recycling calendar if you are in any doubt. For more information visit our website www.allerdale.gov.uk/bin collections, where you can check your bin collection dates, report a missed collection and check for any weather disruption. Alternatively, call 01900 702800 prior to the offices closing at 12 noon on 23rd December.

Allerdale Borough

Council's website - www.allerdale.gov.uk - can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The website has a secure online facility for making payments as well as reporting problems, such as fly tipping and noise pollution, and finding useful information.

During the office closure, please contact Allerdale Borough Council's out of hours number on 01900 871080 for emergencies only.

Car parks:

In addition to the free parking days already provided this year, Allerdale Borough Council has made free parking available on the following Council-owned car parks for the following towns and days (subject to the notice of conditions displayed in the car parks. A maximum time limit applies for car parks marked*, see ticket machine plate for details. A time disc must be clearly displayed and set to indicate time of arrival):

- Cockermouth (Fairfield*, Bitterbeck, Riverside, Sullart Street and Wakefield Road) - 11th, 18th and 24th December

- Keswick (Bell Close*, Central, Lakeside and Otley Road) - 17th and 24th December

- Maryport (Mill Street) - 10th, 17th, 23rd and 24th December

- Wigton (Water Street and Council Offices) - 10th, 17th, 23rd and 24th December

- Workington (Udale Street*, Ladies Walk*, Brow Top, Central Station and Elizabeth Street) - 10th, 17th and 24th December.

Allerdale Borough Council would like to wish all its customers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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Susan Thorogood is testament to this. She is registered blind and has been putting on her dance shoes for over 60 years. Now the nimble toed pensioner is doing as much as Bruce to get people dancing in Cumbria.

Susan, who has the eye condition Retinitis Pigmentosa, [RP], lives in Skinburness near Wigton. She and dance partner / husband Gerry support dancing events in north Cumbria and organise their own dance evenings for beginners and improvers, encouraging residents to ballroom dance.

The couple move effortlessly together across the floor, but they have had to learn steps in a very different way. Gerry has been able to watch and learn but Susan, without the benefit of sight, must learn through verbal instructions. I certainly know my left from my right, she jokes.

I must memorise the steps and learn Gerrys' steps too. When we are ready, it is like I am re-programmed, ready to dance and keep Gerry on his toes too. The couple love to share their love of dancing with others.

In 2011 Action for

Blind People in Carlisle trained Susan to touch type on her specially adapted computer equipped with voice recognition software. It reads what's on the screen. The training was invaluable, enthuses Susan. Now, sight loss is not a problem when it comes to promoting our dance evenings. I type the words for our posters, with the computer reading back what I have written. Gerry then does the design. We are the perfect team, both on and off the dance floor. Susan is supporting a campaign by Action for Blind People, showing that with the right support, sight loss should not be a barrier to achieving ambitions and career goals.

She says "My passion has always been ballroom. I have always had limited vision but I was learning to dance by the age of three. As my eyesight deteriorated further, I have never thought about giving up this wonderful hobby. In fact, I am learning new routines such as the Argentine tango. Being registered blind will never stop me dancing, losing your sight should not prevent anyone from continuing to strive for success, regardless of their goal. I am delighted to support this message from Action for Blind People.

Our dance evenings restart on 11th January at Mawbray village hall from 7:30pm to 9:30pm for beginners and improvers."

All are welcome, for more information telephone 016973 32956.

Charity Ploughing Match

Following the tragedy of William Williamson and Peter Yeats being lost at sea in April 2007 off the Allonby coast, a charity ploughing match was organised at Allonby.

Following the first match in 2007 where £3,293 was donated to Silloth and Maryport lifeboat stations it was decided to make the charity match an annual event. In 2008 the sum of £1,490 was donated to Hospice at Home Carlisle and North Lakeland. In 2009 £1,844 was donated to Allonby First Responders and in 2010 The Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance received £1,335.

This year Cancer Research (Carlisle) UK received a fantastic £2,191 which was handed over to Diane Moore of the



Carlisle branch by William Kennedy and Ian Tordiff at The Lakeside Restaurant on Sunday 27th November.

The sponsors this year were Markley Transport

from Silloth, CT Hayton from Wigton, Armstrong Watson from Carlisle, Fiona Buchanan from Hayton, Lloyds Animal Feeds Ltd. and part match funding by

Barclays Bank.

This well supported event has raised £10,165 over the five years and grateful thanks must go to everyone involved in running the event.

Arthritis Support

Report by: Gladys Temple

Christine Smithson welcomed everyone and a list was sent around for the New Year Lunch to be held at Denton House on Friday 13th January at 1pm. Best wishes were sent to Francis Green who has broken her hip.

Christine then welcomed June Fearon who showed everyone how to make a table decoration for Christmas. She had an oblong tray filled with oasis and filled it with fir branches. She then added Ivy, small lights lit with a battery, candles and baubles. Fresh flowers can be added nearer Christmas. She made a smaller one which was suitable for putting on a

mantelpiece.

June then read some poems one about a daughter and the other ABC. Mary Harrison thanked June for showing us how to make one of our own arrangements but felt it was harder than it looks. Margaret Armstrong and Mary served the refreshments and Eleanor Hodgson won the raffle. Everyone then settled down to relax to the CD.

Wanted! Volunteers

The Solway Buzz is in need of volunteers to deliver this free community paper to your door in a few areas.

If you are not receiving the 'Buzz' it is because no one has come forward for your area. The aim of door to door delivery is so the news reaches you before the bulk drops are made to the wider public,

giving you first opportunity to book events and activities.

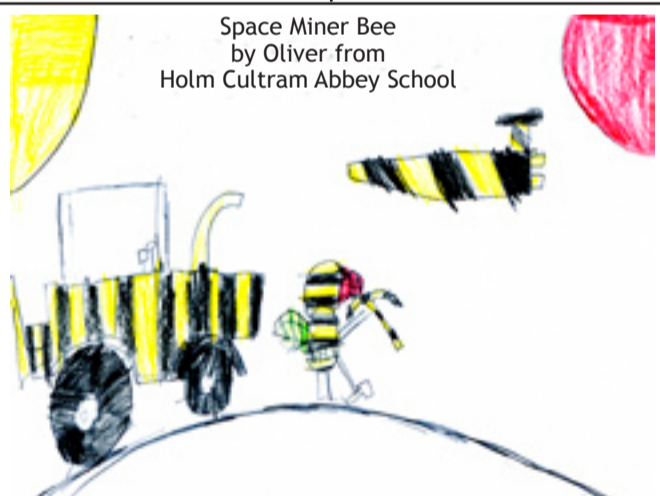
Why be a deliverer you may ask, our deliverers comments are; they enjoy the monthly walk only ten time each year, it gives them the opportunity to meet their neighbours and make new friends especially if they are new to our area, and it is a time to give help when others may be confined to their home for what ever reason.

So if you feel you can give a little of your time it would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are required for the following areas, it is your choice on whether you can do all or just part of the area. The areas are:

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Sally Army in Christ Church

Photo by:
Lawrence Marshall
Report by: Joyce Davies
& June Wilkinson

On 19th November, 2011, Christ Church, Silloth were hosts to the Salvation Army Band and Songster Brigade. The people of Silloth were anticipating a lovely evening and the church soon filled. Our new vicar, Bryan, welcomed the visitors, and the band started with a rousing and popular hymn "How Great Thou Art" and everyone joined in the singing with gusto!

The first half of the programme was varied, and consisted of hymns, songs and band pieces, husband and wife songsters gave us a duet, and there was also a soloist. The choir were well balanced and provided some lovely harmonies which were particularly evident in the quieter pieces. The second half of the programme we were treated to a foretaste of Christmas with some seasonal music and song. Supper was provided by



members of the church and enjoyed by all. The evening was truly memorable and successful in that over £400 was raised for church funds! Grateful thanks go to all who sold tickets, those who bought them, all who helped to prepare the church and clear up afterwards. To those who provided food, and to all who gave up their Saturday afternoon to help plate it up. Thanks to Silloth businesses who agreed to display posters, to Lawrence for his photos, to Bryan for his lovely introduction and welcome to the visitors, and,

last but by no means least, to the Salvation Army Band and Songster Brigade for a wonderful and memorable evening of entertainment.

Free Energy Survey

Residents of Allerdale are being offered a free home energy survey to help them understand what they can do to have a warmer home this winter.

Allerdale Borough Council, in partnership with the Cumbria Affordable Warmth Partnership and e.on, is offering residents an energy survey of their property, with a follow-up report that will identify opportunities in the home that may help them save money. Residents will be given advice about how to insulate their home and how to improve their heating, along with details of renewable energy options that may be suitable for their property.



When the survey report is complete, the homeowner will be provided with a no-obligation written quotation for the energy-saving measures for their home. In all cases, the survey will ensure that householders are given access to any free and discounted schemes that will help insulate their homes and in many cases, for those who are in receipt of benefits, such as pension credit, the works will be free of charge. Residents in Wigton have had information packs, inviting them to take part in the project, closely followed by other areas of Allerdale.

Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes, Allerdale Borough Council's Executive member with

responsibility for housing, said: "The Council is encouraging residents to take up this offer. In particular, we wish to see the homes of those on low incomes, elderly residents, or those with cold related illness and other vulnerable groups, having a survey that could result in helping them keep warm and save money on energy bills this winter."

Project workers will be clearly visible wearing high visibility jackets that will show the Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria Warm Homes and contractors logos; they will also carry identification cards relating to the project. The project is not available for social housing tenants. For more information on energy saving these homes, residents should contact their housing provider.

For more information, home owners and tenants call the free telephone number 0800 328 8419 or apply online at www.cumbriawarmhomes.org.uk.

at risk.

- If you make a call to someone and realize they are driving, stop the call and arrange to speak to them later.

Mobile Phones

Anyone caught using their mobile phone whilst driving now receives three penalty points on their license and a £60 fine.

This new legislation meant that if the case goes to Court the fine could increase to £1,000 or £2,500 for drivers of vans, lorries and coaches. Effectively this means drivers can now end up losing their license for using their mobile while driving.

You don't have to be caught many times to be disqualified. If you get just six points in the first two years after passing your test, you will lose your license under the New Drivers Act.

You can also be prosecuted for using a hands free mobile phone if you are not in proper control of your vehicle. The penalties will be the same as for using a hand-held phone. If the driving is deemed careless or dangerous, as a result, of using the phone, they could

be disqualified, face a large fine and up to two years in prison.

- When driving you should use voicemail, a message service or call diversion so you can pick up messages later.
- Only use your phone after you have stopped in a safe place. But never stop on the hard shoulder of a motorway except in an emergency.
- Avoid taking calls even on a hands-free phone while driving. They can be just as distracting. If you must answer, say you're driving and end the conversation. Otherwise, you will put yourself and other road users

SOSCS Donations

SOSCS are pleased to announce their latest donations to local good causes which were agreed at a recent Committee Meeting. They are as follows:

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| Silloth Jolly Tots | £ 300 |
| Silloth OAP Association | £ 200 |
| Silloth Primary Art Club | £ 200 |
| Silloth Amateur Football Club | £ 500 |
| First Responders | £ 500 |
| Silloth Rugby Union Football Club (Juniors) | £ 300 |
| Solway Community Technical College Prize Giving | £ 50 |
| Air Ambulance | £1000 |

This is a total of £3050.

We should, again, like to thank the local community for their continued support which enables us to make these donations. Your contributions of clothing, books and bric-a-brac are always welcome so that we can maintain our support of these worthy causes.

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Silloth Lights Switch-On



Clockwise from Left:
Ethan Berry switched on the lights supported by Dad Stephen who outbid everyone else at the Santa Dash auction for the honour. The Twoers opened the proceedings. Cinnamon closed the entertainment. Two beautiful small reindeer led Santas procession around the town prior to the big lights switch-on.



Photos from the evening can be viewed on the Solway Buzz web site.

Check out: SolwayBuzz.co.uk

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Santa Dash Raises £1,451



Report & Photos by: Jackie Carruthers

It was snowing in Silloth on the 19th of November, and yet again there was an amazing turn out for the Silloth Santa Dash.

As well as all the dedicated Santas from yesteryear, we also had some first timers, who were more than welcome. On our way around Silloth many people came outside to give very generously to all the little santa's, all the money collected on route raised over £300 which was very kindly made up to £400 by Silloth Social Club.

Indoors at the Social Club was an amazing buffet waiting for all the hungry santa's, then it was onto the blind auction, red and black game then raffle, a total of



£1,451.52 was made during to whole day.

A special mention must also go to Steven Frazer, Peter Fearon jnr, Daz Scott, and Simon Nichol who secretly made a Santa sleigh

and dressed up as Mr & Mrs Santa with two reindeer.

All prizes were generously donated by local people and businesses, all of whom must give themselves a very large pat on the back,

if they did not give we would not be able to raise so much money.

Silloth Christmas Lights Committee would like to thank all who helped make this day a great success.



Winter Warmth Fund

Cumbria Community Foundation's Winter Warmth Fund has now raised £20,650 in the first month of the appeal - doubling last year's winter total.

As quickly as the Winter Fuel Payments are landing in homes around the county, Cumbrian's are handing over all or some of their money from the Government to help others in need. And the charity is hoping to bid for another £180,000 funding from the Department of Health's Warm Homes Healthy People Fund - a £20 million pot which will be given to fund revenue projects which help vulnerable people.

Andy Beeforth, Director of Cumbria Community Foundation, was part of a delegation that met Health Secretary Andrew Lansley to discuss how to help older people suffering because of the cold.

Andy said: "We're currently pulling together a bid for some of this new pot of cash with support from Cumbria County Council, NHS Cumbria and a number of other voluntary and statutory organisations. The Warm Homes Healthy People Fund is aimed at providing support to vulnerable people where support from existing schemes is not getting through or not getting through quickly enough. The money can only be used for specific revenue projects that don't overlap with the existing Warm Front project, like refurbishing boilers, social housing, low energy lighting repairs, maintenance, like for like replacement and emergency repairs to heating systems."

With the snow falling across the county, Cumbria's Lord Lieutenant James Cropper is urging people to consider whether they can help other Cumbrian's in need in these financially challenging times.

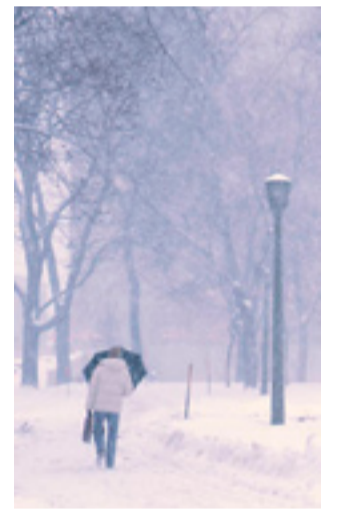
James Cropper said: "We've all noticed how much colder it feels this week with the arrival of the snow. Even though temperatures are not really falling below zero yet, the winds are really biting and many older people are starting to suffer. Every

penny donated to the Winter Warmth Fund will go to help older, colder Cumbrian's in need, if you can afford to donate, please do."

Everyone over the age of 60 is automatically entitled to the Government's Winter Fuel Payment and for many people this is vital. While no-one wants to see the end of this universal benefit, some people can manage without it and are putting it to good use.

The Winter Warmth Fund works by collecting donations of Winter Fuel Payments and redistributing to elderly people in need through a grants programme.

Andy concluded: "All the money raised is used to provide support to elderly people who are suffering because of fuel poverty. It is directed at those most in need through voluntary and community groups in Cumbria who are supporting vulnerable older people."



How to donate

The Winter Warmth Fund is open to voluntary donations of Winter Fuel Payments, plus donations from other individuals and local businesses.

You can donate online at <http://www.justgiving.com/winterwarmthfund>.

Or write a cheque payable to: 'Cumbria Community Foundation' and write 'Winter Warmth' on the back. Send it to: Cumbria Community Foundation, Dovenby Hall, Dovenby, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 0PN.

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Silloth Airfield Memorial Unveiled

Six former airfields in Cumbria have been commemorated with granite memorials.

The Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust (ABCT) said the monuments would acknowledge the locations as heritage sites and highlight their contribution to our freedom.

A 4ft (1.2m) high memorial was unveiled at Windermere earlier and others have been unveiled in Hutton-in-the-Forest, Kingstown, Brayton as well as Silloth. The simple grey inscribed stones are funded by private donations. About 1,300 will eventually be installed around the UK.

Established in 2006, the Trust aims to erect a memorial at each known disused airfield site in Britain in order to provide a permanent reminder for future generations.

Kenneth Bannerman, who founded the charity, said: "Cumbria is steeped in aviation history. These airfields played a crucial role not only in World War Two but Windermere's original airfield also pioneered the start of seaplane flying in Britain. ABCT wants to make sure these places, and the people who served there, are not forgotten."

Silloth Airfield

As the possibility of war

approached, the urgent need for Aircraft Storage Units further north in Britain saw Silloth open in June 1939 for immediate use by No 22 Maintenance Unit, after the possession by agreement of 460 acres of land was obtained in April 1938. Long-term benefits arose as a new wharf had to be built at the town's docks in order to handle the huge amounts of construction materials required for this airfield and also Kirkbride, with which Silloth shared a broadly similar career.

Despite its obvious role as a place for aircraft storage and preparation, with a vast variety of aircraft designs passing through for many years afterwards, in World War Two Silloth was also deemed a most important Coastal Command training base with the increasing threat from German U-boats. An early resident was renamed as No 1 (Coastal) Operational Training Unit in April

1940 and employed many examples of the Lockheed Hudson, which to this day still remains the best known aircraft associated with Silloth, not least as the adjacent part of the Solway Firth became known as 'Hudson Bay' because so many Hudsons had to ditch there due to the overall rigours of wartime duties. Wellingtons of No 6 OTU subsequently appeared from Thornaby, switching bases with its predecessor in March 1943 and continuing

with general reconnaissance instruction – notably including use of the Leigh Light illumination device to search for U-boats - for Coastal Command crews until leaving for Kinloss in July 1945.

For the next 15 years Silloth saw No 22 MU hold sway at military level, still carrying on in its original role, although peacetime

resulted in far greater numbers of aircraft now being scrapped as well as stored. However, both the MU and Silloth closed on the last day of 1960, though

aviation activity did not end at this time as steel company-related civil aircraft continued to land at this now private unlicensed site until into the 1970's.



Photographs courtesy of Andrew Findlay

Rev Bill Asbury giving a blessing to the Memorial



Sheona Nicoll represented the RAFA at the Memorial unveiling

Introducing new Management and a new Head Chef at The Golf Hotel

Gary Conlan was appointed General Manager in July. He brings a wealth of experience having owned and managed hotels over the past 20 years. Since selling his own hotels he managed Carlisle United Football Stadium (catering, conference and banqueting, bars) prior to taking on The Golf Hotel.

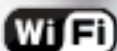
GOLF HOTEL

CRIFFEL STREET • SILLOTH

Dale Barclay was appointed Head Chef in September bringing 20 years of cooking skills. Dale excels in pastry and produces all in-house desserts, cakes, scones and biscuits on a daily basis. They have introduced new choices in both food and beverage to the hotel and source all fresh produce locally.

The feedback from customers has been extremely favourable, they are enjoying the exciting changes. The new team are determined to create one of the best establishments in West Cumbria, providing first class service complimented by creative excellent food. Try us!

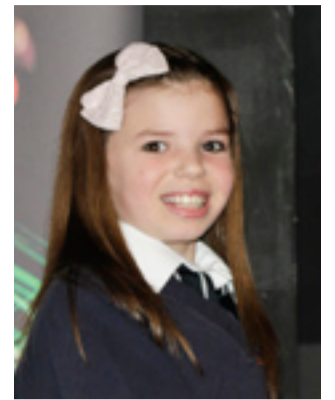
The Golf Hotel, Criffel Street,
Silloth, Wigton, CA7 4AB
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Solway Community Technology



Headteacher: Lois Baird



Awards presented by ITV Border reporter Samantha Parker

It was such a lovely evening; the stage looked wonderful thanks to the First Responders' backdrop and Mr Gilmour's lights. The Christmas tree had arrived earlier in the day and had been decorated beautifully by the Yr 11's as part of their GCSE Hospitality & Catering coursework preparation for the forthcoming banquet, the trophies gleamed in the twinkling fairy lights, thanks to Mr Tatlock and the certificates and prizes were all ready for distribution, thanks to Mrs Wise, Mrs Long and Mrs Tallontire, guests, pupils, parents and family were seated in anticipation.

Mrs Baird made the opening address, explaining how this was one of the best evenings in the school calendar, where staff rewarded those pupils who had achieved due to their hard work throughout the previous year. She went on to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication, the pupils for 66% achieving 5 GCSE's at A* to C, and to the community for their support. She explained the recent English survey Ofsted inspection, which took place just before half term, had produced their

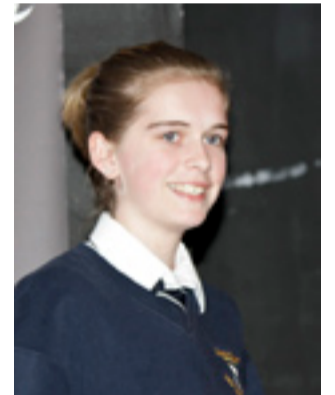
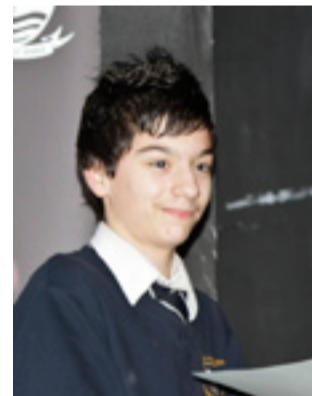
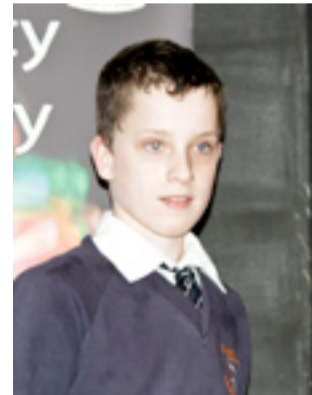
report which confirmed that Solway was a 'Good' school. The school had been as busy as ever, raising money for various charities, Breast Cancer, Children in Need, Samaritan's Purse, RNLI, taking part in sporting events and welcoming in JJ Jegede the Olympic long jump hopeful and coping with boilers which were well past their sell by date.

The good news, which she had received, only that afternoon, was that the local authority was not only going to replace the boilers but that the school would receive a whole new heating system. The project is due to start at Easter and to be finished by September 2012. No more will Mr Wigginton need to teach in a fridge, no more will pupils need to complain about it being too cold in the Music room, we hope! By zoning the school too, we should be able to save money in the future on heating bills; the Library and the Nursery will be able to run their heating independently of the rest of the school. The bill, which could be as much as £300,000 will be paid for by the LA. Great news!

Our Guest of Honour for the evening was Samantha Parker, the West Cumbria

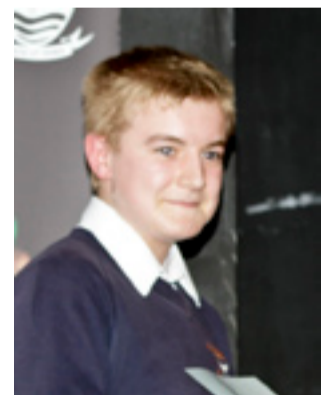
reporter for ITV Border. She is no stranger to the school, having reported on our Catering team winning their national award in 2010 and has a connection with our English department. She explained how she had been shocked by her mock GCSE grades when she was at school which had given her the push she needed to achieve well in the real event and at A level before moving on to University. This is exactly the message our current Year 11's need as they are taking their mocks this week.

It was fitting too that our Year 11's from last year were able to hear how everyone encounters difficulties of some description on the way and strives to overcome them to achieve their goal. Pupils from current Year



8 to Year 11 received their cups, trophies, vouchers, certificates and with each was a citation explaining the reasons for the award; something I hope will be treasured for their own children to see in the future.

Guests then were able to mingle while enjoying seasonal refreshments thanks to Mrs Hoodless and Mrs Caulfield.



Buzzy Bee by Rio Barnes from Silloth Primary School



Ben Bee by Johnstone Foster from Silloth Primary School



Christmas Bee by Jodie from Holme St. Cuthbert School

College Awards Presentations



Amy
by
Amber Hogan
from Silloth Primary School



Christmas Bee
by
Lily Anne Parker
from
Silloth Primary School



Bee & Cat Bee
by
Millie
from
Holme St. Cuthbert School



Children's Centre

Opening Hours:
Monday 9:30am to 12 noon
fortnightly for the
Childminders group
Wednesday 9:30am to 12 noon
for Tots n Toddlers

Open at other times when the rooms have been booked, if you wish to use the Centre please call to make arrangements. We are more than happy to show people around, chat on a one to one basis or in small groups.

Contact Numbers:
Silloth CC - 016973 31230
Aspatria CC - 016973 22777
Wigton CC - 016973 49555

Arthritis Support

Wigton Area Arthritis Support Group meet on 1st Friday each month at Loveday House, South End, Wigton @ 1:30pm, details from Gladys 016973 43964

Silloth Tots/Toddlers

Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in the Childrens Centre, Silloth and is open to all children aged from 0 to 4 accompanied by a parent/carer.

Sessions are on:
Wednesdays:
10pm to 11:30am
term time only
Entry is £1 per family and this includes refreshments
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Abbeytown Library

Abbeytown mobile library will stop outside the Wheatsheaf Inn at 1pm for an hour every Monday

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For Christ Church baptisms and other church related business please contact the church wardens:

Mrs Jean Oliver, tel: 32271
Mrs Margaret Graham, tel: 31452

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Contact Carl Stanford 31868
Under 18's
Fridays 6pm to 7:30pm
Contact Andrew Murphy 32434

Saturday Men's Team
Thursday 7:30pm to 9pm
Contact John Slack 31449

Sunday Men's Team
Wednesday 8pm to 9:30pm
David Brough 07584 687272

Open to boys and girls.
Membership forms available from all coaches.

Secretary contact:
Colin Baty 31297

Karate Club

From Monday 9th January Silloth Karate Club will be moving to Solway Community School Hall.

under 12's 6:30 to 7:30pm
12's and over 7:30 to 9pm
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For further details contact Stephen on 07811 761033

Abbeytown Bowls

Abbeytown Indoor Bowls every Monday @ 7pm in the Assembly Rooms from October to April, beginners welcome.

Ballroom Dancing

From 11th January 2012 In Mawbray Village Hall every Wednesday from 7:30pm to 9:30pm for both beginners and improvers.

All welcome, Telephone Gerry & Susan on 016973 32956

Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Hours

The shop will close for the season on Sunday 11th December.
Thank you to all our customers who have supported us during the year and we look forward to seeing you again in the spring.

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

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If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note the next copy date.

Dates for the Diary

2012 Dates Required Now!

December

15th Foot patrol surgery Chat to your local PCSO officer Hubert Wiosenski will be on patrol in Kirkbampton at 2pm

15th Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Carol Service and Christmas Tea with the Ladies Fellowship at 1:45pm

16th Town Carol Service in Trinity Methodist Church at 7pm

18th St Paul's Church, Causewayhead, Carol Service at 3pm

18th Santa on his Sleigh providing gifts to the children, starts at Skinburness Hotel at 3:30pm following the Carnival route then on to West Silloth

18th Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Family Carol Service at 6:30pm followed by refreshments

18th Christ Church Carol Service at 10am

18th Greenrow Pentecostal Church, Worship and Communion at 10:45am Carol Service at 6pm

21st Ballroom Dancing in Mawbray Village Hall, 7:30pm to 9:30pm all welcome, Tel: 016973 32956 or 01900 881353

24th Christ Church Crib Service at 6pm Midnight Communion at 11:30pm

24th St Andrews United Reformed Church, Christmas Celebration for old and young at 6pm

25th Trinity Methodist Church NO SERVICE (family service at 10:30am in Wigton)

25th St Paul's Church, Causewayhead, Holy Communion at 9am

25th Silloth Evangelical Free Church, NO SERVICE

25th Christ Church NO SERVICE (Holy Communion: 9am Causewayhead, 10am Holme St Cuthbert, 10am Waverton)

25th St Andrews United Reformed Church, NO SERVICE

25th Our Lady of the Assumption, Mass at 8:30am

28th Ballroom Dancing in Mawbray Village Hall, 7:30pm to 9:30pm all welcome, Tel: 016973 32956 or 01900 881353

31st Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Fellowship Meal at 7:30pm followed by Watch Night Service

January 2012

10th Criffel Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45 to 3:45pm

14th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 9am to 11am

16th Silloth Town Council meeting at 7:30pm in Community Hall, Petteril St.

21st Table Top Sale in Wigton Market Hall 10 to 2pm, £8 per table, T: 016973 44555

24th Criffel Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm

27th RNLI Quiz Night in the Golf Hotel from 7:30pm, teams of four

February

6th Silloth Town Council meeting at 7:30pm in Community Hall, Petteril St.

7th Criffel Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45 to 3:45pm

11th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 9am to 11am

14th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm in Silloth Community Hall, Petteril Street, Silloth

15th Pantomime 'The Wizard of Oz' in Culterham Hall, Mawbray, T: 01900881573

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March

5th Silloth Town Council meeting at 7:30pm in Community Hall, Petteril St.

6th Criffel Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45 to 3:45pm

March cont'd

10th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 9am to 11am

20th Criffel Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45 to 3:45pm

24th Table Top Sale in Wigton Market Hall 10 to 2pm, £8 per table, T: 016973 44555

April

2nd Silloth Town Council meeting at 7:30pm in Community Hall, Petteril St.

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24th Criffel Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45 to 3:45pm

21st Table Top Sale in Wigton Market Hall 10 to 2pm, £8 per table, T: 016973 44555

May

8th Criffel Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm

8th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm in Silloth Community Hall, Petteril Street, Silloth

14th Silloth Town Council meeting at 7:30pm in Community Hall, Petteril St.

June

2nd Queens Jubilee Celebrations on Silloth Green

3rd Queens Jubilee Celebrations on Silloth Green

4th Queens Jubilee Celebrations on Silloth Green

4th Queens Jubilee Beacon being lit in Silloth today

11th Silloth Town Council meeting at 7:30pm in Community Hall, Petteril St.

16th Silloth Vintage Rally

17th Silloth Vintage Rally

July

2nd Silloth Town Council meeting at 7:30pm in Community Hall, Petteril St.

7th Re-enactment Weekend

8th Re-enactment Weekend

28th Silloth Kite Festival

28th Abbeytown Carnival

29th Silloth Kite Festival

30th English Golf Union Amateur Championship at Silloth on Solway Golf Club

31st English Golf Union Amateur Championship at Silloth on Solway Golf Club

August

1st English Golf Union Amateur Championship at Silloth on Solway Golf Club

2nd English Golf Union Amateur Championship at Silloth on Solway Golf Club

3rd English Golf Union Amateur Championship at Silloth on Solway Golf Club

4th English Golf Union Amateur Championship at Silloth on Solway Golf Club

14th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm in Silloth Community Hall, Petteril Street, Silloth

27th Silloth Carnival

September

3rd Silloth Town Council meeting at 7:30pm in Community Hall, Petteril St.

6th Silloth Music & Beer Festival

7th Silloth Music & Beer Festival

8th Silloth Music & Beer Festival

9th Silloth Music & Beer Festival

October

1st Silloth Town Council meeting at 7:30pm in Community Hall, Petteril St.

Check out SolwayBuzz.co.uk for photos of local events

Masthead Winner

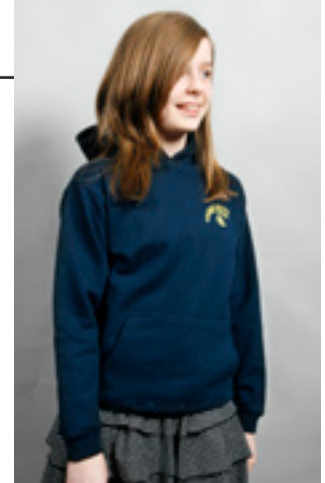
Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and £5 Gift Voucher.

So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Send them in to the address on this page and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.

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.

This month the winner is Grace Hodgson from Holme St. Cuthbert School with a bee called "Spiderwigs Bee".

Well done!



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Letters

Dear Buzz,
 Congratulations on your 100th edition of Solway Buzz. We moved to New Zealand full time two and half years ago having spent nine happy years in Silloth. We always read the Buzz at the end of each month to see what is going on and really enjoy the news. We remember the various activities we went to see on the green and it is good to see these still going and bringing more people into the area. We would like to wish you all the best in the future and hope the Buzz continues going from strength to strength. We would also like to wish a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all our friends including all at Tanglewood Caravan Park.

Margaret & Peter
 Winterbottom
 New Zealand

As every edition of the Buzz is available to read on the internet, your far flung family and friends can read it on the web around the same time as it pops through your letter box at home.

If you have family and friends out of the area, please tell them about the on-line version of the Buzz.

Dear Buzz,

May I take this opportunity on behalf of Silloth Social Club to thank all the people, members and visitors who have supported our fund-raising evenings over the past year. We have continued to be proactive in this area trying to raise funds for local causes, most of all youth sections of organisations and groups in Silloth, but also national causes including the Fire fighters charity, RNLI and most important of all Help for Hero's. These events are only successful if people buy the tickets and it is with great gratitude to all who have attended that I can announce that we have raised almost £4,000 for the mentioned charities and groups. I must also give a big thanks to all of the acts who have provided the entertainment on the nights especially Eric Stanwix, Graham Brown and Carlos. I would also like to thank Eric for his assistance with the advertising of the events and the Solway Buzz for providing advertising space. We will be having our first fundraiser early in 2012 more info will follow.

One other group of people I would like to thank is the Silloth Christmas Lights Committee for all the hard work they do not only at

Christmas but throughout the year raising funds to light up our town over the festive period. I would also like to thank them for the support they have shown to the club and we look forward to working with you again. Away from the fund-raising I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you over the festive period.

Many thanks

Martin Slack
 Silloth Social Club

Dear Buzz,

I would just like to thank you for our article on page 9 of the December Solway Buzz. It looks great and will hopefully encourage new volunteers for the Voluntary Transport Scheme. Your help is much appreciated by ourselves and the passengers.

Thanks again
 and kind regards,
 Katy Wood
 Voluntary Transport Officer
 t: 01228 226721

Dear Buzz,

To my life saver,

I would just like to thank the lady who rescued me from my car on 25th November on the Silloth to Allonby road, I am not sure what I would have done had you not come to get me from my car. I hope that once we alerted the police to close the road, no-one else got stuck. You are one very brave lady! I also hope your car has dried out as we were both soaked to the skin.

Jackie Carruthers

Dear Buzz,

It was brought to our attention that a minority of people thought the Christmas lights committee drinks were being paid for by the money raised in the raffle.

Please, can we state this was not the case! Also, Johnstone Forster is not the only committee member, there are eleven others, if anyone is not happy at the way we run the committee please feel free to come along to our meetings and put us straight in person. Please speak to Alison Henderson from the Silloth Cafe for our next meeting date. Ask yourselves this "who will put the lights up next year if members start to leave"? We all have jobs and do what we can. Finally at the start of the raffle it was announced that the main prize would be drawn out last, just to build up excitement. Due

to poor communication prizes 1, 2, and 3 were drawn first, we are sorry for the confusion, and as often happens the messenger was verbally shot to pieces!

Silloth Christmas Lights
 Committee

Dear Buzz,

Thank you so much for including some of my memories in the December Buzz. It was lovely to see them in print, mum would have been delighted.

Best wishes
 and thanks again
 Margaret Poland

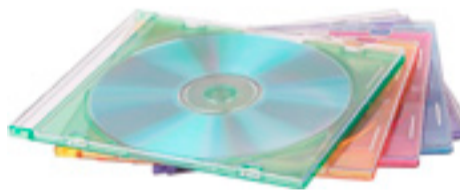
Borrow DVD's

From 1st December Cumbria Libraries will be re-introducing DVD's into most small branches in response to customer feedback.

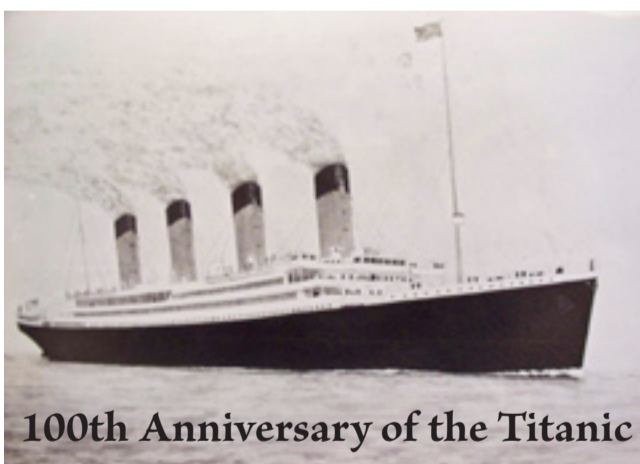
For just over a year the Library Service has concentrated its DVD collections in the larger libraries around the county, and has trialled an additional new Premium Service in the six largest branches where 'blockbuster' new release DVD's can be borrowed.

Following a period of

public consultation in June, where people were asked for their comments on how they would like to see library services in Cumbria develop in the future, there was overwhelming support for bringing DVD collections back into the small branch libraries. Initially, they will be predominantly children's titles, with a smaller range of adult titles filtering through.



100th Anniversary



100th Anniversary of the Titanic

15th April 2012 is the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic and libraries across Cumbria will be taking part in commemorating one of the deadliest peacetime maritime disasters in history.

The largest steamship in the world at the time, the Titanic hit an iceberg on her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York, resulting in the deaths of 1,517 people. There is a particularly Cumbrian connection to the Titanic as the ship was owned by the White Star Line, which was owned by Thomas Ismay who was born in Maryport

in 1837. Thomas Ismay stayed in Maryport until he was twelve and then went to school in Brampton near Carlisle. On leaving school he went to Liverpool where his maritime career flourished and he went on to acquire the White Star Line.

From early spring next year, libraries around Cumbria will be having displays, events and exhibitions about the anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, and will be holding a Titanic writing competition. More details about the competition and other events will be released in the New Year.

Springtime Reads

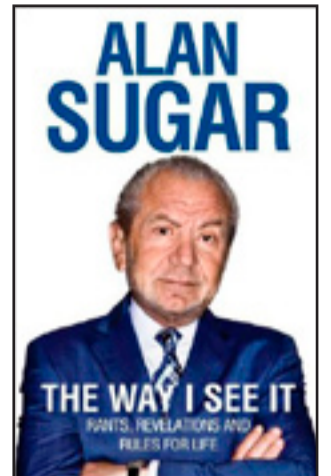
Why not curl up with a good book?

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 Anne Carruthers
 Cumbria Library Service

Alan Sugar – The Way I see it Rants, Revelations and Rules for Life

Everyone knows that Lord Sugar has strong opinions and is not afraid to share them - no matter how controversial they may be. His latest book takes us into the world of Alan Sugar: entrepreneur, Twitter addict, television star, keen cyclist, peer of the realm and bemused grandfather.

In this candid take on modern life, he explains why would-be entrepreneurs should stop moaning, reveals the secrets of his own success and why he gets angry about today's health and safety culture. He also insists we should stop spouting jargon and speak plain English. You'll learn what he thinks of over-priced poncy restaurants and pushy wine



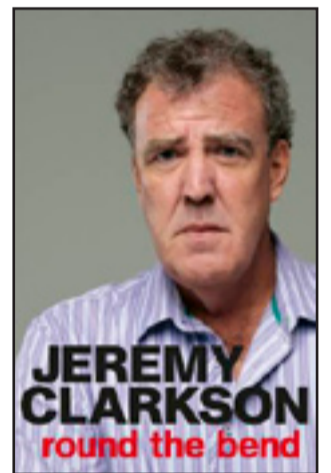
waiters, and discover his latest weight-loss routine, The Tiny Fork Diet.

Crammed full of brilliant stories, amusing rants and sound advice; this is the last word on life from the nation's straight-talking business man.

Jeremy Clarkson
 Round the Bend

Funny, globe-trotting and sometimes downright rude, Round the Bend is packed with curious and fascinating but otherwise hopelessly useless stories and facts about everything under the sun – and occasionally cars!

- He argues that washing a car is a waste of time!
- Reminds us that Switzerland is so afraid of snow that any flakes falling on the road are immediately arrested.
- Shows how the world of performance cars may be likened to Battersea Dog's Home.

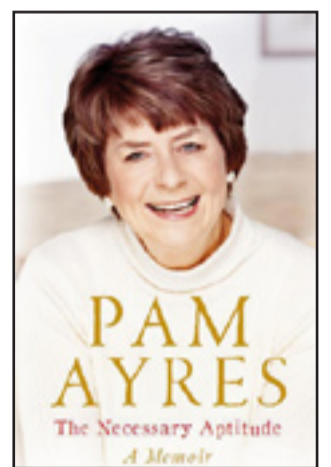


Try for yourself. It may be a little like Marmite – you'll either love it or hate it!

Pam Ayres
 The Necessary Aptitude

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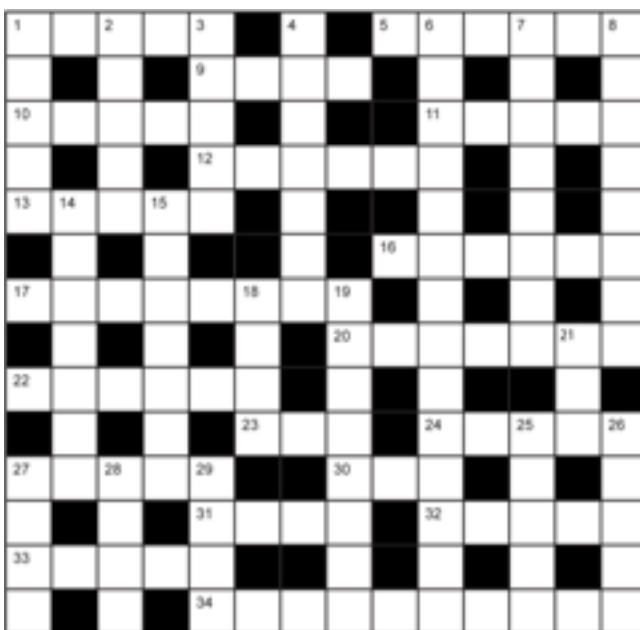
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| | | DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE | | | | | | | |
| | | High Water | | Low Water | | | | | |
| Date | | Morning | | Afternoon | | Morning | | Afternoon | |
| | | Time | m | Time | m | Time | m | Time | m |
| 1 | SU > | 04:36 | 5.5 | 17:01 | 5.7 | 11:16 | 0.5 | 23:49 | 0.4 |
| 2 | M | 05:33 | 5.2 | 18:03 | 5.3 | | | 12:11 | 0.7 |
| 3 | TU | 06:42 | 5.0 | 19:11 | 5.2 | 00:47 | 0.6 | 13:22 | 0.9 |
| 4 | W | 07:52 | 5.1 | 20:18 | 5.3 | 01:56 | 0.6 | 14:32 | 0.7 |
| 5 | TH | 08:56 | 5.4 | 21:18 | 5.5 | 03:00 | 0.5 | 15:35 | 0.5 |
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| 29 | SU | 03:05 | 6.3 | 15:23 | 6.4 | 09:52 | -0.1 | 22:12 | -0.1 |
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| 31 | TU > | 04:30 | 5.4 | 16:58 | 5.3 | 11:06 | 0.6 | 23:31 | 0.6 |

Tide Tables supplied by ABP Port of Silloth

Crossword

Crossword puzzle created by Mycroft



Crossword 101

Across

- Charlotte _____
Friend of Elizabeth Bennett in Pride and Prejudice (5)
- A full assembly of a _____ committee (6)
- River which flows through Sunderland (4)
- Type of golf club (5)
- Depression in centre of belly marking site of attachment of umbilical cord (5)
- _____ Trunk. Friend of Rupert Bear (6)
- Metal collected for reprocessing (5)
- Oblige a prisoner to reside within prescribed limits (6)
- Nickname of Brighton and Hove Albion football club (8)
- Walled city of northern England with Roman name of Deva (7)
- Final resting place of King Arthur (6)
- Mouth - slang (3)
- Jean Pierre _____
Flank forward in French rugby team of the 1970's (5)
- Embrace (5)
- Turkish governor (3)
- South American three toed Ostrich (4)
- Fragrant smell (5)
- Passionate male lover - also a Shakespearean character (5)
- Famous hit song by Oasis (10)

Down

- Son of a freemason (5)
- Evergreen tree with hard fragrant wood (5)
- Puppet friend of Sooty _____ (5)
- Arctic white whale, the male of which has a long tusk (7)
- Title of musical composition which is better known as Danny Boy (11-3)
- Certificate that ship's cargo does not contravene war contraband regulations (8)
- Person who makes up hats (8)
- Garden herb used in soups and salads (7)
- Devotional exercise said by Roman Catholics at sound of bell (7)
- Heather (4)
- Sheath of a sword (8)
- River in Devon (3)
- Type of musical instrument (5)
- Timothy _____ Actor who took the role of Wormtail in Harry Potter films (5)
- Wax like membrane at base of some birds beaks (4)
- Donation of money or food to the poor (4)
- Front end or bow of a ship (4)

Crossword Answers issue 100

- | Across | Down |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Logic | 1. Litre |
| 5. Apollo | 2. Gesso |
| 9. Omen | 3. Conch |
| 10. Tyson | 4. Pegasus |
| 11. Rabid | 6. Pyrrhic Victory |
| 12. Chaser | 7. Libation |
| 13. Epoch | 8. Obdurate |
| 16. Silica | 14. Proceed |
| 17. Loveless | 15. Cheviot |
| 20. Advance | 18. Etty |
| 22. Heriot | 19. Saraband |
| 23. Yea | 21. Con |
| 24. Cerne | 25. Rabbi |
| 27. Edith | 26. Extol |
| 30. Bit | 27. Esth |
| 31. Aria | 28. Iran |
| 32. Orbit | 29. Hans |
| 33. Train | |
| 34. Sunday Girl | |

On the Waterfront

Report by: Captain Slog
(Assisted by Liz at John Stronach Shipping Agency)

30th October, Thurkus with fertilizer from Gdynia, then in ballast to Shoreham.

31st October, Jan V with fertilizer from Ghent, then in ballast to sea for orders. 1st, Zapadny with molasses from Aabenraa, then in ballast to Klaipeda.

2nd, Atlantica Hav with wheat from Rostock, then in ballast to sea for orders.

14th, Ben Varrey from Liverpool with wheat, then in ballast to Kilroot.

15th, Vasily Shukshin from Terneuzen with fertilizer, then in ballast to Teignmouth.

15th, Amadeus with fert from Terneuzen, then in ballast to Glenelg.

20th, Ben Varrey with wheat from Sharpness, then in ballast to sea for orders.

21st, Koriangi with fertilizer from Ghent, then in ballast to Newport.

24th, Karina G with a part cargo of fertilizer from Vyborg, then to Ayr.

Ships that sail from Silloth "to sea for orders" do not have a planned or confirmed next port of call. The ship's owner or operator will direct the vessel out of the Solway Firth to then head either north or south at an economical speed, towards an area where they assess that the most likely cargo opportunity may arise.

Most vessels head south, to be available to pick up a cargo either from one of the Irish Sea ports in passing, or from one of the many English or European ports, once they are near or into the English Channel.

This practice for acquiring cargoes is quite normal for coastal shipping, but used to be a common practice in world trade as well and was known as "tramping".

Elderly steam and motor ships that were not fast enough or unsuitable for regular liner trades, often saw out their latter days as hard-working and somewhat neglected looking tramp-ships, picking up odds and ends of cargoes on an opportunity basis and delivering them to a variety of destinations for a bargain price. This process continues to some extent in other parts of the world today. However, a great deal of our attention and commerce these days



seems to fall on the large and fast container ships, which ply regular furrows and tight schedules between the big deep-water ports of the world.

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A Family at War (2)

The story of the Todd family at war by Arthur Todd

As a Capstone Page to the Family at War story, with the desire to involve all the family as most of the above mentioned are enjoying their rewards in the afterlife, I can only as nearly assess for each individual member as near as possible how they found their war and its affects.

Perhaps the greatest person who possibly said the least, was my dear mother. 'What a warrior! Perhaps she didn't wear the type of battle dress that we were given to wear but what ever it was, she certainly set us our example and I certainly know where she is enjoying her reward. In our nation we have great great warrior mothers 'Boedicas' of many many numbers and I thank my god for every blessed one of them. They have hearts of LOVE who gave without a murmur just what they were able to do. When they wept they cried to our God for our nation and for their sons and their daughters. If the Hitlers and Mussolini's could get a glimpse of these princely ladies there would be no need for this great game of war, which their so foolish endeavours have taken them into. "O Foolish men."

So now I speak from a close encounter which happened to involve my own life. I know that there were many of various incidents in the build up to the seeking out the enemy in my war. Sometimes I wish had never come into my war. It says you always hurt the one you love, the one you would not hurt at all, so it happened to me in that way. When very young I took the advice of school friends who said it won't hurt you Arthur, how wrong they were. In my old age I still have regrets about that one particular incident.

Now let me for a brief moment go and visit the



different cities which were to play such an active part in my eighteen and a half years as a fully trained infantry soldier. From the Anzio bridge head one of the worlds greatest cities is Rome where our King George VIth came to inspect his troops, we gave His Majesty three wonderful cheers of welcome. Grateful that we his soldiers had been spared to give our king the three cheers he so deserved, truly we sang from our hearts "God Save The King", so the city of Rome was declared an open city.

We received a brief rest until it was time to take up the sword again at the city of Florence. So we took up our positions around and in the city of Florence making sure that the enemy was nowhere to be found. We went on foot patrol through the streets because the enemy snipers were in obvious positions making us their targets, also enemy Tiger Tanks made our six pounder guns their targets. In one incident a civilian woman approached me looking for what I thought was her bambino, her baby. So I said if I saw anything of her baby I would certainly let her know. I saw a young man who was lying with a head injury, so I called upon the lady who was still looking for what I thought was her baby and said "do you know who this young man is?" The expression on her face was wonderful to remember and behold, "my bambino" she cried. I often wondered how the young Italian lad fared. The lady

would be his gran no doubt. We are like ships who pass in the night.

Another incident happened to me whilst I was in a position near the Florence Railway Station, again another Italian lady came to me crying "Bomba" and so I said to her, show me, come, so I followed her to her bungalow on the hillside on the outskirts of Florence. I was certainly in for a surprise, she took me in through her back yard and there in a most glaring position was an eighty mm shell in all its pristine glory and she wanted me to do something about it. What could I do? What would you have done? I didn't know if it was about to blow up in my face but anyway I climbed up to the shell, lifted it off her roof and carried it to the safest piece of ground I could possibly find and there I dumped it. True or false that is the burning question. My life put on the line for a Florentine bungalow.

Now we have the Gothic Line to fight for after that. Where would you go with me? On a fighting patrol armed to the teeth with an Italian guide as our leader and we out searching for the enemy. Guess what a surprise, the only soldiers we met were of our own army. They were the glorious 'Gurkhas' so we retired for

Big Garden Birdwatch

One of the biggest events of the year is set to take place over the weekend of 28th & 29th January, but it's nothing to do with MP's, celebrities or sport. This event involves our feathered friends, over half a million people and plenty of cups of tea!

Yes, it's almost time for the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. This is the charity's most important event of the year when people across the UK look out of their window and spend an hour of their weekend recording how



many birds they see.

Last year, over 600,000 people counted more than 10 million garden birds. The information from this survey helps the RSPB form a comprehensive picture of how well – or not so well – each species is doing.

Taking part in Big Garden Birdwatch not only helps the RSPB track the ups and down of garden birds, but gives you the perfect excuse to sit down with a cup of tea and enjoy the wildlife in your garden.

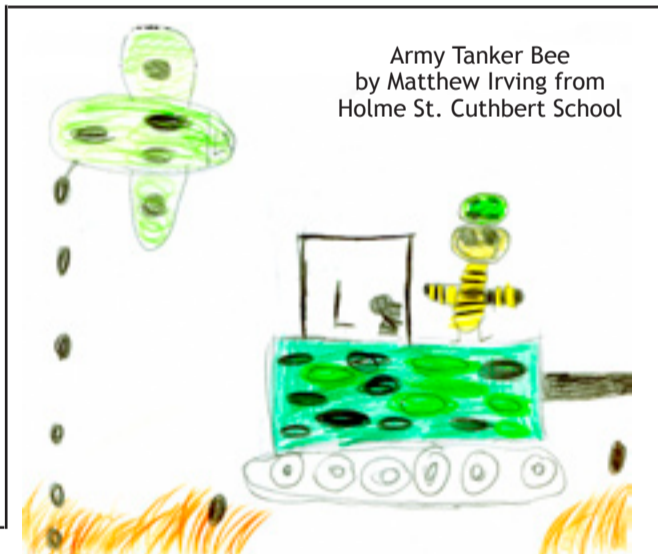
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the phone by calling 0300 456 8330. Alternatively, you can visit the RSPB website www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch for more information and to submit your results online.

School children and their teachers are also being given the opportunity to learn more about their local birds with the Big Schools' Birdwatch taking place 16 – 30 January. A fun and educational activity, pupils spend an hour looking out of their classroom window, recording what birds they can see on their playing field. Visit www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch to find out more.

afternoon lunch at about 3:30pm and then spruced up, then they in charge of us decided to show us a good war story. The main star was our super 'Errol Flynn' and the question which was asked of us at the end of the film was "If anyone thinks this war should not be fought let him turn to Norway"? We came away a little bit apprehensive, not against brave Norway, for we have an idea of what these people suffered, but couldn't perhaps they have shown us something more suitable considering the situation which we were in.

Still it made us all laugh at what they thought they could feed us on, we just shook our heads.



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It'll soon be Pantomime season again and in February 2012 the Mawbray Entertainers will be following the yellow brick road to Culterham Hall in Mawbray.

For the group's 24th pantomime they have taken on one of their most ambitious projects yet with a traditional family pantomime adaptation of L. Frank Baum's "The Wizard of Oz". The Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion will be joining Dorothy and her little dog ToTo on their journey to see the all powerful Wizard. Along the way we'll meet Tin Man's long suffering girlfriend Tin Woman. Ma Baker the custard pie maker and the East End sister of that nasty, Wicked Witch of the West and their put upon sidekick IGOR! There'll be enough songs, slapstick, custard pies and "Behind You's" to knock over a pantomime horse. oh no there won't, oh yes there will!

So if you're up for a great night of traditional panto get yourself along to Culterham Hall from Wednesday 15th February for four nights.

Tickets Wed/Thurs: Adult £5, Child £3,

Family (2+2) £15

Tickets Fri/Sat: Adult £6, Child £4,

Family (2+2) £16

For Ticket Information / Reservations

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Indoor Bowls

Report by: Gladys Temple

New Match Secretary Michael Faulkner welcomed Ireby members to the Assembly Rooms in Abbeytown for the first Match of the season.

Each of the four matches consisted of six ends before a lovely buffet supper was enjoyed by all, then four more of five ends each. The home team dominated the matches and the final score was 54 to Abbeytown and 26 to Ireby.

The raffle winners were Gladys Temple, John Crawford, Joyce Wilson, Robert Lightfoot, and David Steel all from Abbeytown and Eva Wilson from Ireby.

Dick Smithson thanked Abbeytown for an enjoyable night with good company and a lovely supper. They look forward to a return match after the New Year.

Blencogo Indoor Bowls Members were welcomed to Abbeytown Assembly Rooms by Michael Faulkner and 4 games of 5 ends were played before a lovely Buffet Supper was enjoyed by all. Another 4 games of 5 ends followed and all were close games with Abbeytown ending the winners 33 to 26. The raffle winners were Joe Bennett, Carol Knowles, Sadie Haley, Pauline Robinson and Jean Carrick from Blencogo with John Wood, Michael Faulkner and Robert Lightfoot from Abbeytown. Jean Carrick

thanked Abbeytown for a warm welcome, some good games with a delicious supper and said they look forward to welcoming Abbeytown to Blencogo in March.

Twelve members of Abbeytown Bowling Club visited Plumbland for their first away match of the season. They were made very welcome and the usual format of 5 ends and 4 matches before supper and the same after were played. Lucky raffle winners from Abbeytown were Brian Richardson, Robin Hurst, Michael Faulkner and Robert Lightfoot. Michael thanked the Plumbland members for a very friendly evening with a lovely supper and some good games. The final score was Plumbland 33 and Abbeytown 52.

£171 for Silloth AFC

On the 26th of November Silloth AFC held a fund-raising evening in the Rugby Club with entertainment provided by the Carlos Experience.

The evening was a resounding success and a total of £171 was raised for the football club. This was in no small part down to the excellent turnout, with players from the Saturday

and Sunday teams leading by example.

The football club would like to say a big thank you to everybody who attended the fund-raising evening and to the Rugby Club for hosting the event. Also, a special mention must go to Carl 'Carlos' Phillips who generously provided the night's entertainment free of charge.

Gannets Released



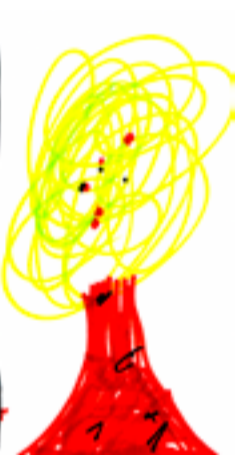
Photo by: Eddie Studholme

George Scott from Knoxwood Animal Refuge releasing Gannets back into the wild from the slipway on Silloth seafront.

There were two adult Gannets and a younger one. They were rescued earlier this year during the storms, and came from various parts of the county.



Buzz Bee by Rebecca Matthews staying at Stanwix Park



Silloth Bee by Maddison Cruddas from Moordale Caravan Site



Alfi by Kia Barnes from Silloth Primary School

Bee by Jenna Henderson from Holme St. Cuthbert School

Causewayhead WI

Report by: Pat Froggatt

On Wednesday 9th November Causewayhead WI held their monthly meeting at Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Silloth. President, Olga Hetherington, welcomed members and introduced Maria Jones of Fun-2-Do who gave talk and demonstration on Parchment Craft.

To begin her demonstration Maria showed members a variety of tools that she used in her art and explained their uses. She also displayed the patterns she had made and these were handed round to members so that they could get a closer look at the different effects that could be achieved and also work that had already been completed. There were some amazing pieces of work with very intricate designs and also some of a more simplistic nature. Everyone was astonished at the beautiful work that she had done. Whilst these were being studied by the members she proceeded to work on a new piece so that we could all see how she achieved such beautiful designs.

Everyone was completely spellbound by how quickly she managed to create such wonderful designs. A

number of members asked a variety of questions on what she was doing. The whole evening was a fascinating experience.

A vote of thanks was given by Brenda Dowdle.

After a short break the evening continued with the general business of the evening which included Correspondence, which included an invitation from Crofton WI for eight members to attend their meeting in March. Details from the County News were also read.

Pat Bell gave a report on the finances and also details of the October Beach Clean and the work which was being done on the Discovery Centre Garden. Margaret Durham informed members of the pick-up times for the trip to Sunderland to see Sister Act.

The competition for a candle was won by Margaret Durham with Pat Froggatt 2nd. The flower competition was won by Ann Harrison who also got the 2nd place. The raffle prizes were won by Margaret Durham, Liz Telford and Mary Johnson.

The Annual Christmas Lunch would be on Friday 16th December at The Golf Club, Silloth meeting at 12 noon for 12:30pm. Those attending were asked to bring their gift for the Santa Sack.

AFC Christmas Draw

Tickets are now on sale for Silloth A.F.C's annual Christmas Draw and thanks to the hard work of our chairman Eric Telford we have some fantastic prizes on offer, including a 32" LCD TV, a Sony Playstation 3 and a digital camera! Tickets will be 50p each or a book

of five for £2.50 and will be available from all the players, team managers (John Slack, David Brough, Andrew Murphy, Carl Stanford) and committee members (Colin Baty, Carol Carr, Stephen Hart).

Best of luck to everyone who buys a ticket and on behalf of Silloth A.F.C I'd like you wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

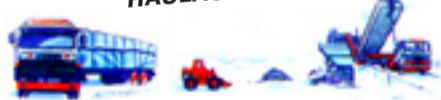
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Seagulls Stay Top

Report by: Gareth Lewis

November was a mixed month for the Seagulls as they crashed out of two cups, but went 5 points clear at the top of Tesco Division One thanks to a couple of superb wins in the league.

The Seagulls are out of the JJ Club (Workington) Whitehaven Cup despite putting on a superb performance against reigning Premier League champions Netherhall.

Silloth made an overly cautious start to the game and only had a handful of counter-attacks to show for their first half efforts. Defensively the Seagulls were rock solid (limiting the opposition to only a couple of half chances) so it was disappointing when a goal direct from a free kick left them 1-0 down at the break. Silloth knew they would have to step up a gear in the second half if they wanted to take anything from the game and the players were more than up for the challenge.

The Seagulls threw off the shackles in the second half as they began to exploit the pace of their wingers Andrew Trestianu and Adam Carr. It was these two that combined brilliantly for Silloth's opening goal as a Trestianu cross from the left was coolly tucked away by Carr. The Seagulls were now in the ascendancy, but as they pressed for a second goal disaster struck. Silloth went 2-1 down after conceding a penalty and minutes later goalscorer Adam Carr was harshly sent off.

These set-backs did nothing to stop the Seagulls' attacking play and an equalising goal from Andy Hinde was no more than the home team deserved. Silloth pressed on for the winning goal and were twice denied by the woodwork, but a defensive error cost them a third goal and the match. Manager John Slack was delighted with the commitment shown by his players and the quality of their second half display. Man of the match was captain Paul Hayton who led by example from the centre of defence.

The Seagulls put on a superb display in the County Cup against Gillford Park (one of the top non-league side in Cumbria), but were left to rue defensive mistakes as they lost the tie 3-0. Despite the early loss of Graeme Dixon to injury the Seagulls' midfield was outstanding. Andrew Trestianu and Adam Carr had the beating of their fullbacks, Mark Glencross' passing was sublime and Isaac Cork's work rate was phenomenal. It was only the efforts of the Gillford Park keeper that denied Silloth taking a well deserved lead.

However the Seagulls found themselves a goal down at the break after the Gillford Park centre forward was allowed far too much room to turn and shoot, driving home a low shot from 20 yards. Silloth continued their great attacking football in the second half, but were unable to put the ball in the back of the net. Unfortunately,

the Seagulls were undone by another defensive lapse as a long clearance from the keeper was not dealt with allowing Gillford Park to double their lead. Silloth were now chasing the game and committed more players to attack, but that left them vulnerable at the back and a third goal was conceded.

The final score of 3-0 was extremely harsh on the Seagulls and in no way a fair representation of how well the team played against higher league opposition. Manager John Slack had a difficult choice in picking his man of the match as his players had been outstanding, but the accolade went to Andy Hardman.

The Seagulls showed true grit and determination as they battled to a 5-4 win away at Bransty Rangers.

This was always going to be a tough league fixture for Silloth. Their cause wasn't helped by a pitch that was more akin to a quagmire. Despite this the Seagulls were still able to play some great passing football in the first half and created a host of chances. Silloth scored two and would have scored more if it hadn't been for the heroics of the Bransty goalkeeper. However some slack defending meant the Seagulls went into the break level at 2-2.

Silloth made a slow start to the second half and conceded an early own goal to trail 3-2. The Seagulls would not be denied the victory as they took the game by the scruff of the neck and scored three more goals to secure all 3 points. This was a hard fought win for Silloth in testing conditions and all the players could be very proud of their efforts. Goalscorers for the Seagulls were Andy Hardman 2 and a hat-trick from Adam Carr. Man of the match was Paul Glencross with a powerful display on the left of midfield. It was also great to see a first team debut for Shaun Clark, making his step up from Silloth's under 18's.

The Seagulls moved five points clear at the top of Tesco Division One after a superb 6-1 home win over Whitehaven Miners.

Silloth needed to be at their best in a match where

Pupils Meet JJ Jegede

We were delighted when a current GB athlete came to talk to our pupils on Tuesday 29th November. As part of the Sky Living for Sport programme, Miss Lawson had managed to secure the services of an outstanding GB long jumper to launch her Yr 10 Sports leaders project.

JJ introduced himself by saying his job was "to run and jump in the sand; who wouldn't want such a job!"

In an earlier assembly, in preparation for this visit, Mrs Baird and Mr Campbell had used a tape measure to show the whole school just how far his personal best jump of 8m 4cm stretched. We were all very impressed, especially with the video clip of his jump over 3 minis during their relaunch.

He inspired the pupils by explaining how he wasn't particularly good at the long jump when he first started but was determined to succeed so worked hard at it. He is currently training in Gateshead and will be back at Solway School in the New Year.

JJ has a degree in Banking



& Finance but wanted to concentrate on athletics as he had found it was something he could do well. After the assembly, he enjoyed a reading lesson with Yr 7s as well as a tour around school and a Q&A session with the Yr 10 GCSE PE pupils in the Sports Hall

JJ told us that in order to make the cut for the 2012 Olympics he would need to jump 8m 45cm so has still some way to go. We all wish him luck with that and look forward to cheering him on to a gold medal. It will make such a difference to us to be able to watch someone we

Above: JJ meets the pupils in Silloth
Below: JJ Jegede



know winning in his home town.



Tennis Bee
by Leah Richardson
from Holme St. Cuthbert School

Karate Club



From Monday 9th January Silloth karate club will be moving to Solway community school hall.

Training for under 12's is from 6:30 to 7:30pm. 12's and over 7:30 to 9pm.

New Members Welcome

On Sunday 22nd January there will be an inter club tournament held at Silloth, for further details contact Stephen on 07811 761033.

Once again this was another fantastic team performance from Silloth and manager John Slack had a hard time picking his man

of the match. In the end that accolade went to Andy Hardman who was at the heart of all the Seagulls' good play.

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