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by Lucy Penrice from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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## What's the Big Secret?

It has been reported to the Buzz that for several months now it appears that Silloth Town Council and all the Parish Councils have been considering the implications of Silloth being one of the two most likely sites for the Nuclear Repository!

This has been done in camera, behind closed doors. Are they in favour, or are they against? Nobody knows. Why the secrecy?

The West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Safely (MRWS) so-called consultation process has now homed in on two proposed areas for the repository, based on geological criteria. These are: The Mercia Mudstone Group (MMG) of northern Allerdale. The Eskdale/Ennerdale granite in Copeland.

Professor David Smythe [Emeritus Professor of Geophysics, University of Glasgow] has demonstrated to MRWS that both these rock groups are unsuitable, but his arguments have not been considered properly. The red outline shows the area within which the repository would be sited within the MMG, which is found near the surface below glacial rocks. The outline is demarcated by the British Geological Survey (BGS) exclusion zones to the east and west. These zones are excluded because there is future potential for coal or coal-bed methane. To the north it is bounded by the coast, and to the south because the layer is too shallow. The underground workings will require about 20 sq km, just over half of the 39 sq km of the red outline. The grid squares on the map are 1 km by 1 km. There is thus little or no leeway for lateral movement. They have to be sited in the middle, below Parkhouse and Blackdyke. Residents will not, of course, see the workings, but will see three main features:

'Temporary' (for 50 years or so) installations including multiple vertical shafts and a railhead, over the centre of the red outline. The spoil will come up these shafts. This surface installation will require 0.5 - 1 sq km. Adjacent piles of spoil - around



The whole area could be under 5m (16ft) of waste

15 million cubic metres, equivalent to six pyramids of Cheops in volume. If these are dumped locally in 'bunds' (flat-topped heaps) 5 m high, they will require around 4 sq km (= 400 Ha = 1,000 acres). Spoil from the MMG has no commercial value (unlike granite), and cannot be used for anything. The heaps will be highly porous, so there will be a major engineering problem in isolating them from the surface and underground water. The MMG is very high in chromium, a toxic (carcinogenic) metal, which might pose a threat.

There will be a separate permanent installation to the south (i.e. for 150-250 years), within the blue outline, where the entrances to sloping tunnels would be sited. These have to be on the higher ground, maybe 5 km away from the centre of the underground repository, because of the threat of sea level rise in the next century or so. This installation does not have to be confined by the BGS exclusion zone. Again, it will require 0.5 to 1 sq km of land.

In short, the region would be converted into a very large mine working such as one sees in South Africa or Zambia. Allerdale councillors might be unselfishly proposing this area on your behalf in the national interest - but not

so, because the MMG is a very poor kind of clay rock, which does not match up to the excellent clay sites being developed now in France or Switzerland. It will leak radioactive contamination within a short time. So your councillors are not doing the country any favour, by such a 'sacrifice'. On the contrary, the best clay rocks are to be found in eastern and southern England, which is where investigations should be focussed.

## £4,000 Close Shave for Alison

Report by:  
Jimmy Lettice

Silloth Rugby Club hosted one of their most memorable and emotional nights in aid of Macmillan Nurses.

A packed clubhouse witnessed the unforgettable scenes of local Silloth Cafe owner, mother and grandmother Alison Henderson

having her head shaved by Philip Scott, raising £4,000 for the charity.

The event was put together by friends and family of rugby club barmaid Nicola Scott who has recently received some priceless care and support from Macmillan Nurses. We were all shocked to learn about her illness but now she is winning her battle.

Cheered on by a full house, Philip wasted no time and quite expertly set about Alison's hair to the somewhat

apt song 'The first cut is the deepest' by Rod Stewart. There was not a dry eye in the house when both Nicola and Alison were presented with a bouquet of beautiful flowers after Alison's head was officially declared bald. The amazing thing is that Alison suits her new style!

On the night Nicola's brother Philip thanked all those who donated to the cause and especially the Macmillan Nurses for their tireless and professional support given to Nicola.



**2012 EVENTS**  
 24th to 26th August  
**Solfest**  
 27th August  
**Silloth Carnival**  
 2nd September  
**Silloth Community Craft Show**  
 6th to 9th September  
**Silloth Music & Beer Festival**  
 15th September  
**Bank Mill Horticultural Show**  
 26th October  
**Halloween Fireworks & Bonfire**



# UFO Over The Solway



On 28th June Shirley Kulaszewski took this photo of what appeared to be a cloud over the Solway. Of course, it may have been a cleverly disguised flying saucer checking out Silloth as an intergalactic holiday resort.

Keep an eye on the sky for more of these visitors as we have plenty accommodation on the holiday parks if the beam down to stay for a while.

# Jelly Tots Nursery Open Day

Jelly Tots Day Nursery Open Day is on Saturday 1st September.

Come and see their exciting new premises which was previously home to Silloth Library.

Jelly Tots is still part of Solway Community School, they now have their own sleep area, outside area and larger play and learn areas.

Jelly Tots are inviting everyone in the community to come and have a look.

There will be refreshments, face painting and a chance to see what they have to offer.

Jackie, Jenny, Abigail and Karen hope to see you all there.

# Walk to D'feet 2012



Looking over Ennerdale water to Bowness Knott (Peter Trainor)

Tracy Johnson, physio at the West Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven, is again organising the now annual walk to D'feet based around Ennerdale Water.

It will take place on Saturday September 8th. It

will cater for people of all abilities, so join in and raise money for MND.

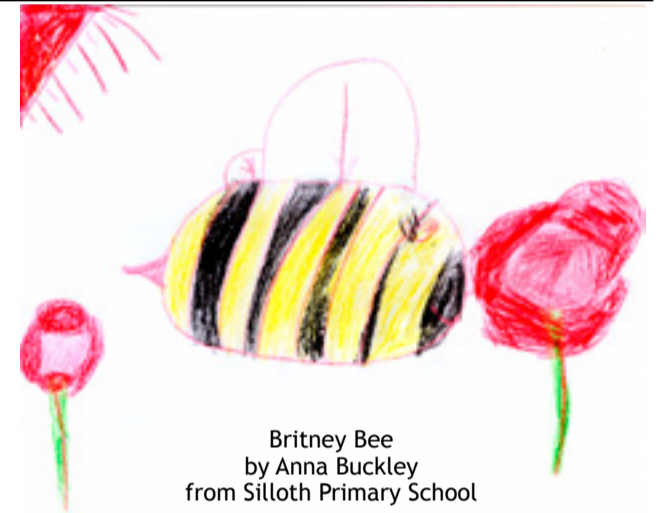
For sponsorship forms and further details please contact Tracy on 01946 693181 or 01946 592943.



Hippy Bee by Mary Williamson from Abbeytown



Queen Bee by Melissa Russell on holiday in Silloth



Britney Bee by Anna Buckley from Silloth Primary School

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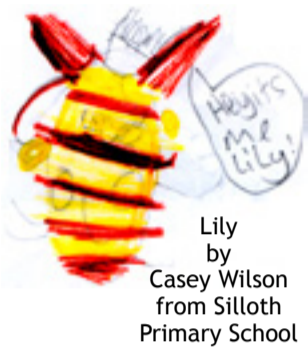
# Solway Plain Artists Working on 2013 Display

The Solway Plain Artists would like to thank the shopkeepers of Silloth for allowing them to display their work in the shop windows.

The window displays gave an excellent opportunity for our local artists to showcase their craft.

The members of the Solway Plain Artists group are working hard to produce new and exciting paintings for next years display.

Remember the dates: 20th June until 5th July 2013.



Lily  
by Casey Wilson  
from Silloth  
Primary School



Playing Bee  
by Hannah Williams  
from Wales



Cliff Climbing  
Bumble Bee  
by Carys Williams  
from Wales



Bradley Bear  
Bee  
by Jackson  
from Silloth  
Primary  
School

# Foul Dog Owners

Allerdale Borough Council is promoting responsible pet ownership by tackling irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs have fouled.

The Council's crackdown on dog fouling has been continuing and is showing success. The number of deposits of dog fouling is showing a steady decline from over 800 per week at the start of the campaign to under 400 last week. Over the last three months 39 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued, 26 of which have been for dog fouling.

Leader of the Council, Councillor Alan Smith, who has championed the Council's hard-line approach to dog fouling, said: "The message seems to be getting through that we are serious about this issue. It is fair to say that the public is certainly much more aware of the possibility of being fined because of the increased enforcement activity."

Councillor Michael Heaslip, Executive member with responsibility for tackling dog fouling, said: "There is improvement but we can't get complacent; we still need people to report the instances of dog fouling that they witness. Over

# Walk Raises £2,650



Report & Photos by:  
Lisa Beaver

A group of caravan owners from the Solway Holiday Village along with local residents got together on Saturday 14th July to do a charity walk around Buttermere Lake near Cockermouth to raise money for the Cancer unit of the West Cumberland Hospital.

We did the walk in fancy

dress (the theme being pink - including the guys)!

So if anyone was around the lake that day or saw us hanging around in Silloth you weren't seeing things . . .

We would like to thank the very nice landlord of the Balmoral Hotel who gratefully put on some well needed food for us.

We would also like to say a massive thank you to all that took part and anyone that saw us and gave a donation. The total raised for this very worthy cause was a very respectable £2,650.

We are all proud of this achievement and look forward to doing something special again next year.

recent months the type of complaints we are getting are much more constructive than in the past giving use useful details of the offenders so we can take action."

It is an offence for a person in charge of a dog at the time it fouls not to clean up its faeces in a public place. Failure to clean up after a dog has fouled may result in a fixed penalty fine of £75, payable within 14 days, or a fine of up to £1,000 if court action is taken.

To report dog fouling, visit [www.allerdale.gov.uk/dogfouling](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/dogfouling), email [customer.service@allerdale.gov.uk](mailto:customer.service@allerdale.gov.uk) or telephone 01900 702800.



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- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Diabetes,
- Pregnant

Have had a stroke or a TIA

Suffer from MS or other diseases of the central nervous system.

A carer for the elderly or disabled, or a patient in a long stay residential home.

Immunosuppression

You are invited to attend either the surgery or one of the following clinics being held at:

**Silloth Church Hall — Monday 1st October 9am to 12pm**

**Abbeytown Hall — Monday 8th October 10am to 12pm**

**Silloth Surgery — Friday 12th October 9am to 12pm**

**Silloth Surgery — Friday 19th October 9am to 12pm**

**NO APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED**

Please let us know if you require a home visit for your vaccination ( even if we visited you last year )

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Linda Blackburn 01900 881370  
Rosie de Mello 01900 881352  
Alison Wise 016973 32587



# Walk for Water Raises £1,103



Report by:  
Jennifer Rowlands

We were delighted to host an assembly for both the Primary and the Secondary school at Solway Community Technology College to welcome Ian Taylor, the NW regional Manager for the Walk for Water - Turn on the tap programme for Samaritan's Purse charity.

Pupils from both schools along with Jellytots Nursery had undertaken a sponsored 'Walk for water' in June, from school to Grune point and back to raise the pupils' awareness of how far people in Africa have to walk to collect water for the day, which may already be dirty and contaminated causing 4,000 children to die each day. Women and children in Africa have to walk up to three hours for dirty water. There are still 884 million people who don't have access to clean water in our world today.

Ian was able to show the staff and pupils where

in Africa Uganda was and what the money they had raised would go towards; new sanitation units, water cleaning filters for domestic use, hand washing units and repair of water pumps and spring wells.

All in all the pupils raised a massive £1,103.93.

Helping to hand over the cheque were Dean Hewitson and Reece Edmondson, who were first back to school on the day, Cole Gibson who achieved the fastest time, Abbygail Peacock and Sophie Pinguey who raised the most money, £90 and £45 respectively and representing the Primary school Daniel Goodman & Amber Hagan.

We are so pleased that this will be a joint venture for the schools in future years too.

Lauren  
by  
Ellie Henderson  
from  
Silloth Primary School



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# Stay Safe at the Seaside



**RNLI urges beach-goers to think safety when heading to the seaside this summer.**

With school summer holidays upon us and the weather forecast set to improve, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) is calling on anyone planning a beach visit to put safety first.

Last year, RNLI lifeguards responded to 15,625 incidents, helped 17,671 people and saved 84 lives on some of the UK's busiest beaches, while the charity's volunteer lifeboat crews launched to 2,814 beach-related incidents, rescuing 1,300 people and saving 171 lives.

The charity is encouraging anyone planning a trip to the beach – but particularly families and those with young children – to make safety a priority. Last year, children accounted for nearly two-thirds (61%) of incidents RNLI lifeguards dealt with.

Surf sports (including surfing, bodyboarding, kitesurfing and windsurfing), swimming, inflatable toys and coastal walking are consistently among the top

activities requiring lifeguard assistance and beach-related lifeboat launches.

To help people remember their seaside trips for the right reasons, the RNLI is offering the following top five beach safety tips:

1. Swim at a lifeguarded beach, between the red and yellow flags (none in Cumbria)
2. Never use inflatables in strong winds or rough seas
3. Check weather and tide times before you go
4. If you get into trouble, stick your hand in the air and shout for help
5. If you see someone else in trouble, tell a lifeguard. If you can't see a lifeguard, call 999 or 112 and ask for the Coastguard.

For those who can't make it to a lifeguarded beach, the charity's advice is as follows:

1. Find out about your chosen beach before you go at [goodbeachguide.co.uk](http://goodbeachguide.co.uk)
2. Check weather and tides before you go

3. Read the safety signs at the beach entrance to make yourself aware of specific local hazards

4. If you get into trouble, stick your hand in the air and shout for help

5. If you see someone in trouble, call 999 or 112 and ask for the Coastguard but don't attempt a rescue yourself

In an innovative approach to saving lives at sea, the charity has launched a new 'beach finder' mobile app to make it easy for anyone heading to the seaside find their nearest lifeguarded beach.

The 'RNLI beach finder' app locates the user's position and then lists the nearest lifeguarded beaches, as well as providing important information such as water quality (provided by the Marine Conservation Society); a description of the beach; the lifeguards' patrol dates and times, and hazard information specific to each beach, such as whether it has big waves, strong winds, tidal cut off points or rip currents. Users can also plan their trip to the beach by typing a postcode or town into the app's search function to find lifeguarded beaches in that area.

Real-time weather information and a five-day forecast for each location is also included with the app – ideal for anyone wondering whether they'll need to bring out their sun cream or

waterproofs!

Ross MacLeod, RNLI Beach Safety Programmes Manager, says: 'With the school holidays just starting, and the weather set to get better, it's likely people will want to make the most of it and head to the beach. The RNLI's advice is to choose a lifeguarded beach and swim between the red and yellow flags, which is the area most closely monitored by the lifeguards. For anyone who can't get to a lifeguarded beach, there are some straightforward steps they can take to help keep themselves out of danger. They can find out about their

chosen beach before they visit, check the weather and tide times, and follow the advice shown on safety signs at the beach entrance. By following this basic advice, we hope people will have a great time but stay safe as well.'

The RNLI's has two beach safety guides which are available free-of-charge. The first, On The Beach, is aimed at families and is packed full of top tips on how to stay safe at the beach, as well as ideas for games to play on the beach. The second, In The Surf, includes vital safety and kit information for popular surf sports. Both guides are available from [beachsafety@rnli.org.uk](http://beachsafety@rnli.org.uk) or by calling 0800 328 0600.

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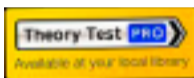


# Online at the Library

Did you know that library members can access information from a number of online resources via an internet connected PC, free of charge? Cumbria Libraries subscribe to all of these information sources – you can access them via [www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries)



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Cumbria Image Bank: a great collection of digital images created using original material from Cumbria County Council Libraries and Archives Service. The website lets you view more than 20,000 images, dating back to the mid-eighteenth century, covering the whole of Cumbria. You can also see images that members of the public have sent in.

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# Beer Festival News

## Hello Beer Festival Fans!

With just a few weeks to go until the bar opens, we wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of the plans for this year's festival.

The bar opens on Thursday 6th September at 7pm, and will be stocked with around 75 real ales and ciders (plus other options including lager, wine and soft drinks of course). We will be running five sessions across the weekend (Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening from 7pm, plus Saturday and Sunday afternoon).

Tickets are available for individual sessions, or you can join us for all five sessions with a weekend pass available for £38.

As ever there is a cracking line up of beers, alongside some fantastic bands including;

The Roy G Hemmings Dictionary of Soul Show (I'm sure many of you will remember Roy as the longest serving Drifter, and he'll be supported by The Love Supremes and of course The



Dictionary of Soul Band). The two hour show includes the songs of Otis Reading, James Brown, Jackie Wilson, The O-Jays, and other Soul and Motown legends.

Bomskare, Scotland's 9-man ska juggernaut! Limehouse Lizzy, performing a stunning tribute to Thin Lizzy and of course rock icon Philip Lynott.

Elvis Fontenot & The Sugar Bees, who many of you will remember for the 2010 festival when they played an incredible set and showed us all why they deserve their accolades including "European Zydeco Band of the Year"

There's also tributes to U2 (from New2) and the Arctic Monkeys (from The Antarctic Monkeys), they'll play alongside some brilliant local bands including Skin Walker, House of 3 Hands and Bright Side, alongside bands from further afield including the fantastic Boomin', Valve Rider and Scarred ID.

Pete Hoban will kick things off on Saturday afternoon. Maryport rockers

will open Sunday.

And finally, we're giving YOU the opportunity to sing with a live rock band, when we bring Rockaoke to Cumbria for the first time. With celebrity singers including Chris Moyles, James Corden and Jeremy Clarkson these guys are bringing you the chance to sing along with the UK's original and best live karaoke band.

Watch out for extra special effect this year!

Tickets are available locally from Winters Newsagents (in Silloth), The Carnegie Theatre (in Workington) and online from [www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk) (just search SILLOTH).

We can't wait to get the bar open, and are really looking forward to seeing you all in September.

If you haven't already done so then please give us a like at [www.facebook.com/sillothbeerfestival](http://www.facebook.com/sillothbeerfestival) or follow us at [www.twitter.com/sillothbeerfest](http://www.twitter.com/sillothbeerfest), and we'd really appreciate you spreading the word about the festival to your friends and family if you can!

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## SOSCS Donations

Report by: Pat Froggatt

At their July meeting, SOSCS Committee granted a number of applicants funding for their various groups. The beneficiaries are as follows:

STAG Silloth Tourist Action Group	£500.00
Silloth Jelly Tots	£500.00
Silloth Football Club	£500.00
Silloth BMX Track	£500.00
Air Ambulance	£1,000.00
Silloth Beer Festival to Sponsor a Barrel	£ 50.00
Silloth Art Club (School)	£400.00
<b>A total of</b>	<b>£3,900.00</b>

We would like to thank everyone who donated their unwanted clothes, bric-a-brac, books, toys etc. to enable us to re-sell these in order to raise the money to make these donations.

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# Christ Church Confirmations



Report by: Lawrence Marshall  
Photo by: David Wilson

candidates from the Solway plain team area took place in Christ Church, Silloth on 24th June. The candidates were confirmed by the Rt.

Rev. Robert Freeman, Bishop of Penrith. Team vicar Rev. David Tembey prepared the candidates for their

confirmation in the months before. It was good to see the church full with all the families and friends supporting the candidates.

Confirmation of nineteen

# WI News

Report by: Pat Froggatt

On Wednesday 11th July a number of members from Causewayhead WI visited the Helena Thompson Museum at Workington.

This proved a most interesting and informative evening. We were met by members of the staff and toured the Museum with staff on hand to answer any question we had regarding the artefacts and displays.

Some of the rooms were displayed in the authentic era of the time that the Museum was lived in with setting and display cabinets of pottery and other items - some had been given by the people of Workington to enhance the already wonderful collection that had been amassed.

Dresses of a past era were

also on display, and one of the most interesting was the room containing details of the hermatite and iron mining that was done in the area. A truly fascinating history.

After our tour round the museum we were given a wonderful supper. This was followed by an interesting talk on Nursery Rhymes and their origins in which we were able to participate. The history of some of these Nursery Rhymes was surprising and not at all what one would expect.

Margaret Durham gave a vote of thanks of all those present for a truly wonderful and remarkable evening. We all felt that this was a visit worth repeating and would recommend it to anyone interested in local history.



Buzz by Lucy from Holm Cultram Abbey School

# Volunteering is Good for You!

Following a recent survey of our volunteers we are really pleased to share the news that volunteering with West Cumbria Carers has a lot of benefits for the volunteer as well as the Carers we support. Our volunteers tell us they gain a great deal of satisfaction from knowing they are making a difference and say there are many other benefits such as a boost to their self esteem from feeling useful, learning new skills and enjoying chatting with someone new as well as improving their CV.

Being a carer can have a significant impact on an individual's life. The caring role is often the main responsibility of only one person, and many carers say they are forced to ignore their own health or are unable to take breaks or attend appointments because of a lack of alternative care.



Carers have told us how valuable volunteers are to them, saying it would be extremely difficult to cope without the support provided. Volunteers are able to provide respite breaks, emotional and practical support, reducing stress and feelings of isolation for the Carers.

A carer's main concern is the person they care for, and as a result carers generally tend to place their own needs at the bottom of their priority lists. However, it is vital that carers take care of themselves in order to maintain their own physical, emotional and mental health, thus enabling them to continue in their caring role.

Encouraging and

enabling Carers to take respite breaks or to have one-to-one support from a trained volunteer can help to minimise adverse effects on their own long term physical and mental health.

Our Volunteers fulfil a number of roles to achieve this:



Respite Sitters regularly visit and sit with the cared for (provided there are no practical care needs), enabling the Carer to have a valuable break, with peace of mind that the person they care for is safely looked after.

Carer Supporters will regularly visit a Carer who needs support, it may be that

due to their caring role they have become socially isolated or lost their social support networks. The volunteer will have a chat and provide support, or assist with re-entering the community and becoming socially active again.

Drivers can help alleviate transport difficulties and are often needed to help with attending events, support groups or essential appointments.

Counsellors provide one-to-one counselling support to

Carers who feel themselves in need of this specialist form of therapy as a result of their caring role.

West Cumbria Carers covers West Cumbria (incorporating the districts of Allerdale and Copeland) and our aim is to provide support to carers who look after a family member, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without their help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, disability or addiction.

Volunteers are an essential and valued part of

our services for carers and we like to ensure volunteers enjoy their activities and are fully supported within their volunteering role. All volunteers receive free training to ensure they are able to start volunteering with confidence and are given on-going support and training throughout. In addition, volunteers will have the opportunity to meet other volunteers and new people, learn new skills, help others in the community and know they have made a real difference.

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# New Book from Local Author



Ted Needs Some Space!! But there would probably be more room in a Rabbit hutch! Ted loves his friends and the other toys very much, but sometimes he wishes he could be alone with his dreams and thoughts, and to not be so crowded by everyone all of the time.

Will poor Ted ever find his own Space?

The author Tim Stead is an artist and illustrator who lives and works in Silloth. He began studying Graphic Design at Cumbria College of Art and Design and went on to study Graphic Design and Illustration at DeMontford University.

Tim has won in the past the Cromarty History Society competition to illustrate a children's book about Sir Thomas Urquhart.

Tim has also written and

illustrated his own children's books 'So you ran in the wash', also 'Harry and the Butter Bye-Bye', and now 'Ted Needs Some Space' of which a limited number of 300 books have just been published for purchase via the website.

At the moment he is working on his fourth book which is soon for release: 'Count Coffins Cough!'

For more information, or to order a book, check out: [www.steadillustration.com](http://www.steadillustration.com).

Ninja Bee  
by  
Olivia Hannah Dixon  
from  
Silloth Primary School

# Christ Church Summer Concert



Report by:  
Lawrence Marshall  
Photo by: Daniel Rothwell

The mens summer concert with tea and cakes in the church-hall was again very well attended. Rev. David Tembey the team vicar welcomed everyone. As it was our Queen's Diamond Jubilee year the choir and

all present began with the singing of the National Anthem.

The soloists this year were our long standing Jim Brough and one of the four new choir members Barry Lodge. The other three new members are Mike Smith from West Cumbria, Jim Smith who has retired to Silloth from the Isle of Lewis

and our new team-rector Bryan Rothwell, all are very welcome to the choir.

During the interval we had the usual grand drawing with prizes being donated by the choir members and also from many friends of the church. At the start of the second part of the evening Ivan Lomas entertained us with some of his witty

stories. Before the final song our music master Bill Hall thanked everyone for their attendance and generosity. Team Rector Bryan Rothwell delivered the last thanks to everyone and in particular to our music director Bill Hall who travels from Wigton to the concerts and rehearsals.

The event raised £782 for church funds.



Lucy  
by  
Caitlan Gasgarth  
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Drummer Festival Bee  
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Report by: Sarah Kay  
Results & Photos by:  
Emma Bennett

# Abbeytown Carnival 2012

The morning of the 28th July began dull and overcast as a fine drizzle descended from across the Solway. Despite the apparent dismal weather prospects the increasing sense of expectation and excitement was not dampened as people busied themselves with the final preparations of floats and costumes and made last-minute trips to Harrison's Stores for refreshments!

The poor weather in the weeks before had led to a last-minute change of venue for the 'Carnival Field'. The on-going improvement works to Abbeytown's Recreation Ground meant a relocation was planned to the school playing field, but with the ground saturated and more wet weather expected, the committee had no choice but to seek another venue or risk damaging the school field or cancelling the event altogether! A solution of using the Green in the centre of Friars Garth was decided upon, and after a public meeting responding to the concerns of a small number of residents, a team of willing volunteers ensured that this under-used patch of land was made clean and safe and then transformed into the Village's Carnival Field.

As the floats began to assemble and the pedestrians emerged from their homes in spectacular costumes the rain stopped and the clouds lifted. By the time the Carnival parade set off at 1pm the sun was beating down and the Main Street was full of spectators. The parade set off slowly through the village led by The Blue Jam Samba band as the very patient traffic ground to a halt. This year's shorter route seemed to be welcomed by the smaller members of the parade as well as those wearing the more elaborate costumes as everyone gathered on Friars Garth's Green for an afternoon of fun.

The entertainment began with a short performance by the carnival band before the 'Spot On' team and Eric Stanwix took over as MC and led the afternoon's entertainment of live music, prize giving, Moky dancing, sports and general shenanigans. The sun continued to shine in support of Eric Stanwix's observation that the "Sun always shines



on the righteous people of Abbeytown!" The retiring Queen Anna Middleton handed over her duties and crown to Abbeytown's 2012 Carnival Queen Brooke Steel who looked beautiful in her Classical Olympiad outfit and was well-supported by her attendants Andrew Mitchell, Tony Mitchell, Sophie Ferguson, Charlie Bennett, Freddie Parslow and Lucy Mitchell. As usual the sports were really popular with Olympic records being broken in 'Two in a Hoop', sack race and the egg and spoon.

Thanks, as always, go to the many people who helped with the preparation and tidying of the field, the admin and organisation on the day, the judges, the many people who support the committee's year-round fundraising efforts and those

who spent many hours with their stippling brushes to produce the fine floats and costumes!

Finally, the Committee and the rest of the local community are grateful for the co-operation of the residents of Friars Garth in moving their cars, clearing the street and hosting the Carnival field with special thanks to those who provided extra services such as electricity and hard-standing. The feedback from the day has been excellent with everyone enjoying the real street party feel that the smaller venue allowed. It was wonderful to see children enjoy the freedom to play and the community able to join together without any danger from traffic.

More photos are available to view on Abbeytown Carnival's Facebook page.

Photo by: Lawrence Marshall



- Best Overall Float - 1st Carnival Queen, 2nd Flinstones, 3rd Olympic games float
- Best Village Float - Abbeytown Rockers. Best visiting float - Jungle Carnival
- Best Overall Pedestrian - 1st Travelling Circus, 2nd Bingo Heads, 3rd Bananas in pyjamas
- Best Pedestrian over 16 years - Gypsy Lea
- Best Pedestrian 11-16 years - Bananas in Pyjamas and highly commended to The Boy Scout
- Best Pedestrian 5-11 years - Teddybears picnic and highly commended to Southerfield Superheros
- Best Pedestrian under 5 years - Farmer Finn and his friends and highly commended to Fairy Liquid and Blue Mr Bump
- Spirit of the Carnival - Dick Dasterdy (Steven Pattinson)
- Most Humorous - Bin Laden (S. Daymond)
- Junior Spirit of the Carnival - LMFAO pedestrians
- New trophy for best dressed house went to - Brenda Sim
- Retiring Carnival Queen - Anna Middleton
- Abbeytown Carnival Queen 2012 - Brooke Steel and her attendants - Tony Mitchell, Lucy Mitchell, Freddie Parslow, Sophie Ferguson and Charlie Bennett.

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# Skinburness Fete & Chichester Hall Open Day



Report & Photos by:  
Kath Littleton

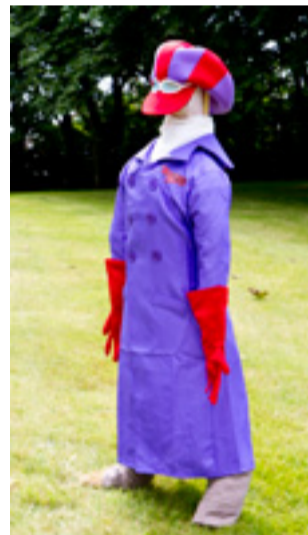
The Scarecrow festival held on the 3rd, 4th & 5th of August at Chichester Hall was a delight to all who attended. It was a good old fashioned fete enjoyed by all ages, "we need more of them" was a visitors comment. Our local celebrity Tim Barker opened the event and took part in many of the activities, thanks Tim we liked your outfit. The event raised £1,301 to date. The raffle results will be in the next issue of the Buzz. All of the money raised will be shared between our local Silloth Lifeboat & the Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance.

Thanks must go to our many supporting local businesses for their prize donations as we know

these are difficult times. Also to our many members especially the volunteers, for their prize donations and especially their time. A big thank you to Jennifer Wilkinson (manager of Chichester Hall) and her staff from the Skinburness Residents Association for the support during this event and throughout the year. The Silloth Lifeboat team for attending with their boat over the whole three days. Val with her craft stall, Kay with face painting, Davisons ice-creams (they were delicious), Jayne not just with her plant stall, her wealth of knowledge was outstanding, Tim again with his Soldiers Display cabinet and last but not least Jennifer's sisters for the scarecrows, which put a smile on our faces.



Prize winners were:  
Hunt the Scarecrow - Reegan Housby, Silloth.  
Children's Beat the Clock - Rhea Callaghan, Meadow view Park.  
Adult's Beat the Clock - Steve Jones Liverpool.  
Over 60's Beat the Clock - Probert Frank, Midtown Caravan Park.  
How many Buttons in the jar - Leah Wright staying with family in Silloth there were 264 Leah had 265.  
Where did the Scarecrow go on his holiday - Eileen Reeves, Skinburness Drive. He should have gone to Camberra but got on a wrong flight and landed in the Maldives and had a great holiday.  
Guess what was in the boxes - Katrina Weightman, Grune Point Close, answers remote control, a plug, a torch and a roll of tape.



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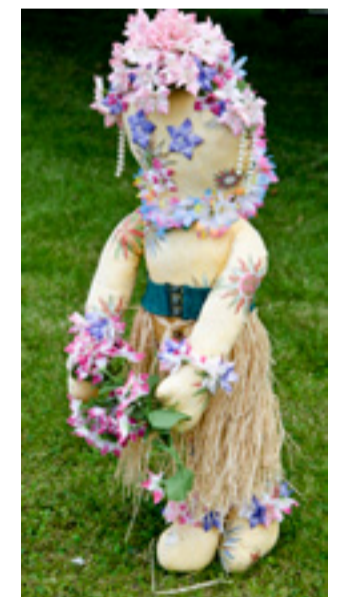
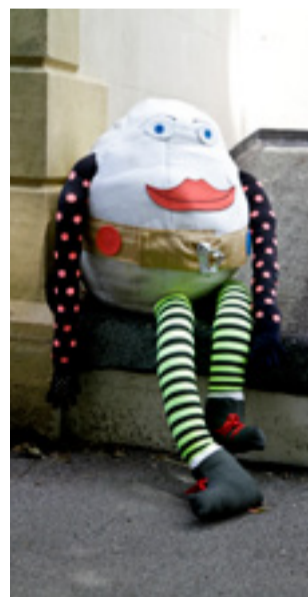
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**August**

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25th www.Solfest.org.uk  
26th www.Solfest.org.uk

26th Silloth A.F.C. 5-a-Side  
Competition and Family Fun  
Day at Eden Street Playing  
Fields

26th AWOL playing in the  
Rugby Club from 6:30am

27th Silloth Carnival

**September**

1st Jelly Tots Nursery  
Open Day in what was the  
Library, all welcome.

1st Silloth & District  
Pensioners Anniversary Coffee  
Morning at 10am in the  
Recreation Hall

1st Children's Once  
Upon a New Sale in Beacon Hill  
School, Aspatria from 1 to 4pm  
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1st Booker Prize  
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conversation with Melvyn Bragg  
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to 4:30pm, followed by book  
signing of 'Zoo Time'

2nd Community Craft  
Show in Christ Church Hall,  
Silloth from 11am to 4pm

3rd Silloth Town Council  
meeting at 7pm in Community  
Hall, Petteril Street

5th Solway Parkinson's  
Group meeting in Wheyrigg  
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,  
contact 016973 52527, speaker  
Averil Dawson, Down Memory  
Lane

6th Silloth Music & Beer  
Festival

7th Skinburness Residents  
Association Coffee Morning in  
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am  
new members welcome

7th Silloth Music & Beer  
Festival

8th Marilyn Aymes  
Memorial Charity Walk from  
Maryport to Silloth, bus departs  
from the Albion Inn @ 9:30am

8th Silloth Music & Beer  
Festival

9th Trinity Methodist  
Church Harvest Celebration  
Sunday Morning service @  
10:30am led by Rev H Snape

9th Trinity Methodist  
Church Evening Songs of  
Praise @ 6pm led by Rev Brian  
Rothwell, all are welcome

9th Silloth Music & Beer  
Festival

12th Causewayhead WI  
meeting in St Andrews Church  
Hall at 7:15pm, Razzle Dazzle  
Floral Art

15th Crunch Service in  
Skinburness Road Car Park  
from 9am to 11am

16th Trinity Methodist  
Church Evening Carol Service  
@ 6pm led by Father Andrew  
Broster, come and join the  
celebration

24th Brenda's Patchwork  
Classes start in the Methodist  
Church Hall, 7pm to 9pm

25th Brenda's Patchwork  
Classes in the Methodist Church  
Hall, 1:30pm to 3:30pm

**October**

1st Silloth Town Council  
meeting at 7pm in Community  
Hall, Petteril Street

2nd Skinburness Residents  
Association members meeting  
in Chichester Hall at 7:30pm,  
current and prospective  
members are all welcome

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5th Skinburness Residents  
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new members welcome

5th Race Night with Disco  
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Technology College PTA in Golf  
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Linda Blackburn 01900 881370  
Rosie de Mello 01900 881352  
Alison Wise 016973 32587

6th Silloth & District  
Pensioners Coffee Morning at  
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10th Causewayhead WI  
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13th Crunch Service in  
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26th Bonfire & Fireworks  
Halloween Display at Silloth  
Airfield from 6:30pm

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Pensioners Pre-Christmas Tea at  
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Group meeting in Wheyrigg  
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,  
contact 016973 52527, speaker  
Carol Purves, Chinese Whispers

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

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

10th RNLI Race Night in  
Silloth Social Club

14th Causewayhead WI  
meeting in Trinity Methodist  
Church Schoolroom at 7:15pm,  
tbc

**December**

1st Silloth & District  
Pensioners Annual Christmas  
Party

3rd Silloth Town Council  
meeting at 7pm in Community  
Hall, Petteril Street

5th Solway Parkinson's  
Group meeting in Wheyrigg  
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,  
contact 016973 52527, speaker  
Christmas Dinner

7th Skinburness Residents  
Association Coffee Morning in  
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am  
new members welcome

7th Carol Concert in  
St Andrews Church Hall, Silloth  
in aid of RNLI at 7pm

8th Crunch Service in  
Skinburness Road Car Park  
from 9am to 11am

12th Causewayhead WI  
meeting in Trinity Methodist  
Church Schoolroom at 7:15pm,  
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**December cont'd**

23rd Santas Sleigh ride  
around Silloth with presents  
for the children organised by  
Silloth Rotary Club

**January 2013**

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meeting in Trinity Methodist  
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members night

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# Poem

For the last few years my grandmother has lived with the care and thoughtfulness of Silloth Nursing Home. I always felt that when I left her after visiting I left her with what felt like family and cannot begin to thank the Matron, nurses and staff enough. I wrote this poem last year when she had a bad turn. I spent a long time walking in the dunes and marshes, thinking about passing over from one side of the waters to the other. She stayed with us another year and passed away peacefully recently with family around her.

The Solway Boat by Marie-Elsa Bragg

Steady, the small boat rested while silver winds slithered and moaned through the marsh, carrying the bottle neck slippery slank Waver over, under, through the weave of strong bent reeds; ablaze with dank flippering tails.

Steady, the silent thick oak hull lifted, peacefully creaking in surrender to the sea, absolving now here, now there, the slick slack lashes of speckled grasses and splayed branched bur reeds. The bambooe yellow iris stems creaking with whippet yelps, and the hiss of the pestilent wind, shivering across its obedient burnished flanks

And how long, how seasoned long had its old boughs anchored there. How long, its tipping weight etched into sweet grass and threaded summer nesting; its rusted links knitting into Solway through layers of floods and blood brown maltern mulch; down and bound with gritted sands and shafts of old black oak.

And who heard the silver moan, the wind across the outstretched hull. Stippling its taught sides, veined in netted wires of silt. Veins answering the ground, the sunken fissures lying hidden under the upper swaddle of matted moss and water mint. Where clotted sap bleeds through secret saline estuaries back, back, to the Solway and out into the sea.

Grandmother, my grandmother I am here with you. I breathe and watch you. I sit with you and your silk skimmed hands. I sit while you rest in a warm metal bed. And now it moves, strong and steady pressing you forward. Slanting you towards the window. Here, here, the morning comes. Here the morning comes, my Grandmother, and the light.

I want my breath to move your lungs. To take the weight. You would ask these pillowed bones to move with a click of that red switch, if you were able to see this room is your final home. But life has become scattered. So others switch it for you, admiring your smile as they do. Your soft downed legs rest, sunken into nested warmth. You sigh. Pleased to have company, and find delight in small things to lift their spirits. I know that delight my Grandmother. It lit me through darken days and lifted my tip toes to walk with you. Todle-uma-luma. Klick clack of your heels. Toodle-uma-luma, toodle-i-ay. Can I wear those shoes down street Grandma, the shiny patent ones, scraping heels with a trum trum, as my little feet slip in the toes on a spring day. Or is it cold. Shall I dress up warm Grandma. Can I come into your bed in the morning, if I keep my legs still. Can I sit and watch wild horses by the gas fire, bulging red down one side, while you wash the kitchen floor. Can I, before I go to the baths. Will you walk pigeons with my feet on yours and hum.

Todle-uma-luma, let it pitter patter, don't mind the rain. Let us join together, always be together, cheerful again. Cheerful as the day is long, and breaks are filled with a good crack between well mannered, long houred, head down hard work.

'Not a bad day today' Stacy says hanging on 'bad' with tones of uncertainty, knowing you like to see where you are with the weather, to know where you are with your day.

'Not a bad day today' you answer, ' Might get better later'. 'Well' Stacy leans into the comfort of a pleasant chat, holding back the curtain. 'I rather think it'll rain Ethel, I'm not so sure about them clouds'

You peer out and see nothing but light. Is there a tree there, or an old school. Its wide. 'Not sure about the clouds' you repeat and lean back tutting. 'I think I'll have a quiet day today'

Stacy smiles 'I would. I wouldn't go out in that If I didn't have to! 'Well I won't then' you say glad of the choice and decision made with friends. 'We'll just stay nice and warm together won't we' 'Aye, better warm.'

And now someone comes in to ask if you would like a cup of tea but you don't hear properly and turn your ear towards the door. Stacy repeats it slowly with a raised voice 'Would you like a cup of tea Ethel?'

One; your gaze skates hope with open eyes. Two asks: are you my daughter? And it lands. 'Oh! A cup of tea' you laugh 'dear me, it's terrible isn't it!' and you call out your quick answer as if your piled in the room with others, sitting legs dangling, all calling out cheerfully to someone with a list. 'Yes please!'

Stacy is following the duvet round the bed now and tucks you in. 'Oh, thank you. Very good' you say with reassurance, tucking in your courage, sensing she is about to go.

'I'll pop in again later' she says as she turns towards the door, and you obediently accept her promise to return soon. Promises which disappear in all but scent as soon as she has left sight.

The light draws you to the window again. Your lap is covered with a red tartan blanket, bought down street in the market Hall. You lightly shake your head. 'Beautiful day' I hear you sing. 'Is there a tree out here? I do love trees. There is something special about a tree'. And the wind blows across the grasses, mounted in clusters on knolls of sand. They glitter along the matted ledge, with that bright sky behind. They glitter and wave. And you; you're smiling. Overseeing children at play in the dunes, and behind you is the sound of brass, warbling through 'Lord of all hopefulness' from the band stand in the distance.

A gentle breeze through summer leaves, a swallow's secret to your ear. A sloe slip, beaded lip of Amphetrisia. The tide frithles across the sands, scattering its bulbous froth like sherbet. It's here. The small boat is here.

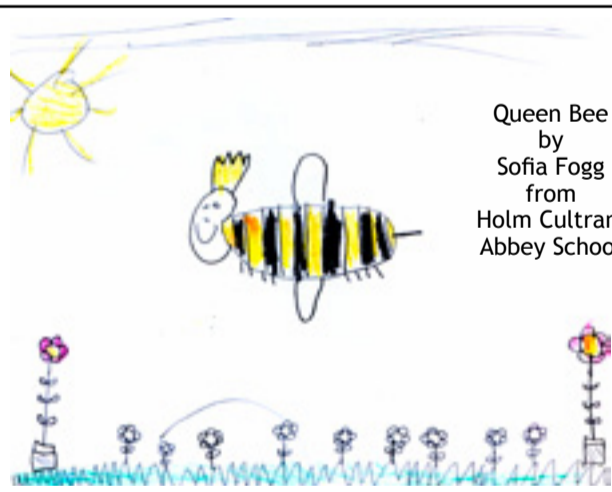
Blow into the summer light, climb through tails of beaded grass, of mossy dunes, of burnet rose. The Solway boat is on the shore, the silver boat is here.

Bright, it reaches to your hand, no, no, it's gentle to your hand, and you will rise, yes, you will seep through lady's straw and ruffled thrift, glowing through the light of night into the waiting boat.

And how it glides through streaks of night, the distant toll of bell at sea, its cheeks of threaded amber veins, it's bark a hull of breathing gills and with its flanks it breaths a name that only spittled waves can hear.

And now the distant rocking stills, the sail a line in open dawn. And there beneath the summer sun, they welcome on the shore.

Here you sit with gathered friends and talk of dance in May parades, of bells and dresses white with flowers, old time dancing in the hall, evenings laughing playing darts, the days of morning buckets washed, glasses all collected in, stoic nod and counters cleaned and jars of sweets arranged. You laugh and join a sing along and picnic out to watch the bands, and sit along the front parade our sea breeze kisses to your cheek, an ice cream dripping in your hands. The layers of summer nesting.



Queen Bee by Sofia Fogg from Holm Cultram Abbey School



# Letters

Dear Buzz,

May I bring to your attention that Grey Squirrels have been sighted in this area.

These creatures can cause terrible problems. In my previous house we were over-run with them, they are capable of running vertically up walls and then into the roof space, where they build nests. They chew through the electric cables and the joists and make terrible noises. Once in the roof space it becomes very difficult to get rid of them. We had to fix chicken wire onto the gutters all around the house in an attempt to keep them out.

They will also enter the house from open doors and windows to steal from the fruit bowl.

If you enjoy gardening, you can forget it, they will dig up bulbs, destroy any fruit and vegetables you grow. Over at Annan, people are working hard to try and re-instate the native Red Squirrel back into the woodlands.

This will not be possible if people encourage the greys by feeding them, as they breed rapidly and cause disease, blindness, and eventually death to the native Reds.

Mr M White

Dear Buzz,

I would like to say a big thank you to all my family and friends for my wonderful surprise seventieth birthday party. The buffet was great, thank you girls, also a big thank you for all the lovely cards, presents and flowers that I received. Thank you to my Daughter Sandra, and my Granddaughters Jenny and Sarah for arranging my writing group treat. My partner Sid finished off my brilliant birthday celebrations with a surprise lunch at Wheyrigg Hall on Sunday. I am blessed with the love and friendship of so many people. Thank you all once again.

Love  
Joan Bennett

Dear Buzz,

I would like to thank all the children, parents and the fantastic staff of Silloth Primary School for all the cards and gifts I received on my recent retirement. I have been totally overwhelmed with their kindness. I have always said we have a fantastic school, brilliant dedicated staff and the best children in the world. I will miss you all very much. Please kids if you see me in the town still feel free to come and give me a cuddle. Thanks again,

Mary Hillhouse

Dear Buzz,

I had a huge shock at the Silloth Nursing Homes 150th year celebrations when I was presented with vouchers marking my 30 years of service. I would like to say a big thank you to Matron Ann Blair and the members of the committee for the surprise and to Secretary Jean Fearon who sneakily kept tabs on me....

I started as a 16 year old School leaver on the Job Creation scheme and the rest is history as they say.

Heather Lennon

Dear Buzz,

I would like to thank staff, governors, pupils, friends and parents for all the gifts, flowers, cards, the buffet and all the good wishes I have received on my retirement from Silloth Primary School. I have been overwhelmed by all of your kindness and I will miss you all immensely, as I have enjoyed all my years of cooking for the children. Best wishes to you all for the future.

Val Hutchinson

# 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 10.

This month the winner is Lucy Penrice from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee called "Geek Bee".

Well done!



Flower Bee by Lana Maddison from Silloth Primary School

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7	F	03 09	6.1	15 28	5.7	09 52	0.1	22 16	0.4
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# On the Water Front

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



July 2012  
 3rd Zapadnyy from Bremen with molasses, then in ballast to Foynes.  
 4th Ben Varrey from Liverpool with wheat, then in ballast to Sharpness.  
 11th Ben Varrey from Sharpness with wheat, then in ballast to sea for orders.  
 13th Cito from Antwerp, via Ayr, with part cargo fertilizer, then in ballast to sea for orders.  
 22nd Ben Varrey from Liverpool with wheat, then in ballast to Liverpool.  
 29th Danica Hav from Rostock with wheat, then in ballast to Belfast.

Navigation to and from Silloth, through the gradually shifting channels of the Solway Firth, would be foolhardy and dangerous without accurately knowing the position of your vessel. Running aground on a sandbank, or striking one or more of the numerous exposed boulders that are scattered around the Solway seabed, can damage the vessel and possibly cause pollution of the tidal waters. Part of the practice of fixing the vessel's position at frequent intervals, has traditionally been achieved by following a surveyed channel, which has been marked to some extent by navigation buoys.

Consequently, finding and marking a navigable channel to Silloth is the responsibility of the Silloth Harbour Master, in consultation with the Silloth Pilots. In finding the channel, he is now assisted by a Hydrographer from the port of Barrow.

Around the UK and world-wide, the Admiralty Hydrographic Department produces and sells constantly updated charts for mariners of all nations. The Department

also undertakes surveys of most of the waters around the UK, except waters that are privately owned or pilotage waters that form a part of a port's approaches, for which the port takes responsibility. However, the relatively quiet and shallower waters of the Solway Firth are not considered busy enough for regular surveys to be undertaken by the Admiralty. In fact, on Admiralty charts for many years now, a vast area of the Solway is shown blank and "unsurveyed". Areas of the upper Solway Firth that have occasionally been surveyed, soon become out of date due to channel movements, almost before the Admiralty chart amendment is finally produced.

(Barrow & Silloth are jointly managed as a single unit within the parent company, Associated British Ports). This assistance is usually provided on an annual basis, or whenever it has been noticed by Silloth Pilots, or other interested mariners, that depths anywhere within the channel have become significantly reduced. The Hydrographer will spend several hours in a small boat, when tidal conditions permit, criss-crossing the area of concern with a GPS receiver and echo sounder, noting positions and depths, whilst taking into account

the tidal height at the time, in order to find the location of the deepest available route through the shallows, the most difficult area of which is a three mile section off Dubmill Point. A local chart of the latest channel will then be produced for the use of pilots and other interested mariners. As the channel moves, the navigation buoys may no longer mark the best available water, but they remain useful reference points until they can be recovered and re-laid in a more appropriate position. Up to date knowledge is essential for safe navigation.



Scarecrow Bee  
 by  
 Sadie Wilkinson  
 from  
 Chichester Hall



## Pensioners Strawberry Tea



Anne Louise Rothwell (Vicar's Wife) & Chairperson Maureen Irving

Report by: Pat Froggatt  
Photo by: Pat Bell

Silloth & District Pensioners held their Annual Strawberry Tea at St. Andrews Hall, Silloth, on Saturday 7th July. This event proved to be very successful, and we were pleased to welcome Anne Louise Rothwell, the local Vicar's wife to open the proceedings. She was introduced by Chair Person, Maureen Irving. She then went on to open the event and was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Maureen.

Tea, coffee and scones topped with strawberries and cream, biscuits etc. were served to everyone attending and it was not long before the hall was full with all our

regulars and also a number of visitors both old and young. The Committee were kept very busy throughout the afternoon catering to everyone's needs.

The cake stall proved very popular with our visitors and the raffle was also well subscribed.

We were also pleased to welcome Eve with her selection of clothes and she was soon doing brisk business.

The afternoon went with a swing and the hall was soon filled with conversation and much laughter

The winners of the raffle were: Joan Bowe, Linda, Katy Baty, Pat

## New Wigton Market

A new market is to take place every Friday on an area of the Water Street car park in Wigton.

Allerdale Borough Council and Geraud UK, the company which runs markets on behalf of the Council, are running the new Friday market from 17th August, with an official launch on Friday 7th September.

The outdoor market will be open from approximately 8:30am to 4pm and stalls include fruit and vegetables, gifts, household goods and plants.

The official launch of the new market on 7th September celebrates the 750th anniversary of Wigton's market charter, at which there will be musicians, face-painting and street entertainment.

Councillor Mark Fryer, Executive member with responsibility for markets, said: "From increasing access to fresh, healthy food



Froggatt, John Hope, Alice Addison, Margaret Stalker, Eileen Ringrose, Theresa Hutchinson, Jean Graham, Mary Graham.

The event raised over £300 for funds for which we thank everyone who attended for their support. Also, a special thank you to the Inner Wheel Club for their donation and Eve for her donation.

to increasing footfall in town centres and providing important revenue streams into the local economy to providing public gathering places for communities, markets positively impact local businesses and residents. Successful markets can help and grow communities and encourage thriving town centres, which is why I am delighted that we are developing this new market."

Mike Phillips, Chair of Wigton Partnership, said: "This is great news for the town. The Wigton Partnership has actively supported and promoted the need for the retention of a vibrant and active market in the very heart of Wigton, the establishment of a Market Place, a permanent home and an opportunity to develop additional specialist markets in the future. The timing could not have been better; Wigton is justifiably proud of its long history as a market town."

Alison Dodd, Clerk to Wigton Town Council, said: "Wigton Town Council are delighted that the new Friday market is being launched in this the 750th anniversary of being granted our market charter. We wish all concerned every success in this new venture."

Traders looking to get a pitch at the new outdoor market should contact Phil Byers from Geraud on 07753 934540.

## New Food Hygiene System

Allerdale businesses are scoring well under the new national food premises rating scheme.

The new scheme, which replaced the 'Scores on the Doors' scheme previously used by councils in Cumbria, sees food premises given a rating from 0 to 5 for the standard of their food hygiene and management systems.

The new food hygiene rating system was launched nationally on 1st April and three months in, 817 Allerdale businesses are on the database, with 463 having a rating of '5' and 182 have a '4' rating.

Councillor Phillip Tibble, Executive member with responsibility for Regulatory Services, said: "Allerdale businesses have worked very hard and are doing very well, with a high proportion of them receiving a 4 or 5 rating. Food hygiene is incredibly important and this new food hygiene scheme ensures that businesses across Allerdale

are offering good standards of food hygiene and can be rated in the same way as in other parts of the country. Many people may not be aware that it is the Council's responsibility to help businesses provide safe food to people when they go out to eat or when they are just buying food. The operation of the new scheme does create additional work for the Council's staff but it is worth it because of the benefits to the public."

The food hygiene rating scheme is run by local authorities in partnership with the Food Standards Agency. Each food business is given a food hygiene rating on a scale from 0 to 5 when it is inspected by a council food safety officer. The top rating is '5', which means the hygiene standards are very good. The bottom is '0', which indicates urgent improvement is required.

Further information about the scheme can be found at [www.food.gov.uk/ratings](http://www.food.gov.uk/ratings).

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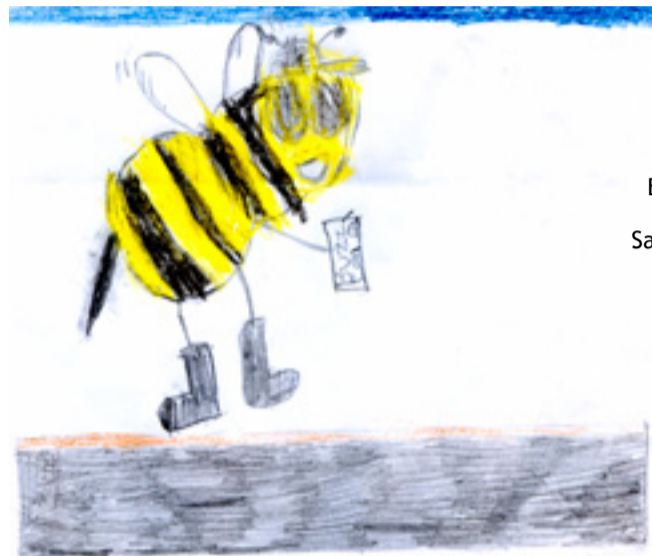




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# Christmas is Cancelled!

It is with huge regret that the Silloth Christmas Lights Committee have decided there will be no Christmas lights in Silloth this year.

In the past they have asked for help, they needed anyone willing to give up a little spare time to help put up the lights. There has been little or no response.

Most of the 2011 committee have full time work commitments and cannot do any more without the support and help of the community.

The committee would like to thank everyone for any support they have given in the past with Silloth Christmas Lights.

The lights are there - so if a group of willing workers could get themselves organised they could put a smile back on to everyone's faces this December - especially for the children. This is not a case of someone else will do it, it has gone beyond that.

If it is going to be done - YOU WILL HAVE TO DO IT!

No-one else will.

# Silloth RNLI Receive £220



Report & Photo by:  
Norman & Isabel White

With their usual enthusiasm and generosity, Jim and Eye Sutton of Skinburness, together with their friend Sarang, prepared and served delicious Thai food on the Sunday of the Vintage Steam Rally

Weekend.

The weather was no great friend but nonetheless they did manage to donate an admirable £220 to the Silloth RNLI.

Well done the three of you. We are sure your hard work was much appreciated.

# Charity Walk Reversed

The Marilyn Amyes Memorial Charity Walk has reversed direction this year and now goes from Maryport to Silloth on Saturday 8th September.

A bus will depart from the Albion Inn on Eden Street at 9:30am to take the walkers to the starting point in Maryport. All are welcome to join in, just get some sponsorship and turn up!

# Come Dance With Us!

We have all seen the wonderful Olympics, now it is your chance to have some exercise, fun and meet and make new friends. All are welcome, from 18 to 81. We can have you dancing in no time, even if you think you have two left feet, or

if you can dance, come and enjoy yourselves.

Ballroom dancing, Sequence, Jive and Latin from Wednesday 5th of September every week @ 7:30pm to 9:30pm, held at Cultram Hall, Mawbray.

For more information telephone 016973 32956.

# Silloth Football Club Mens 5-a-Side & FunDay on Sunday 26th August at Eden Street Playing Fields



Entries £12 per team to S. Hart 016973 32706, or Gareth Lewis, or Liam Wilson, before 25th August

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Exhibition of last years work at Silloth Community Craft Show on Sunday 2nd September from 11am to 4pm in Christ Church Hall Silloth



# Silloth AFC Fund Raising Ride



Report by: Gareth Lewis

Silloth AFC held its annual fund raising bike ride at the end of July as players and coaches headed off on a 34 mile journey that took them through Abbeytown, Newton Arlosh, Kirkbride, Bowness, Port Carlisle, Glasson and back to Silloth.

Fortunately the cyclists were blessed with sunny weather in what had been an extremely damp month. First up was the old boy trio of John Slack, Colin Blakely and Gareth Lewis who completed the ride on Friday 27th and finished in a respectable time of 2 hours 20 minutes. On the following Sunday it would be safe to say that the seven players (Liam Wilson, David Brough, Robbie Carter, Shaun Clark, Lewis Mulla, Andrew Gordon and Shane Collins) who set off in fancy dress were taking the cycling side of things just a little less seriously than the old boys!

These 'Magnificent Seven' lads were on a mission to raise as much money for the club as possible and have a great time along the way. At time of writing there is still sponsorship to come in so I'll give you the total raised next month, but it looks like being another successful year for the fund raising bike ride.

I would just like to say thank you to the lads who took part in the bike ride as you have all done the club proud. Finally I would like to say a massive thank you to everybody who was kind enough to sponsor our cyclists. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated by everybody at the football club.

Newspaper Delivery Bee by Cara de Mello from Holme St Cuthbert School



Library Bee by Charlotte Hetherington from Silloth Primary School

# Sea Fury over Silloth Again



Report by: Kevin Anderton OBE

HMS Nuthatch at Anthorn may have closed many years ago but Silloth was treated to a brief reminder of the engine noise that used to shake the window panes.

The pilot of RN Historic Flight 'Sea Fury', scheduled to fly from RAF Woodvale to Prestwick requested permission to overfly Silloth. The request was granted and about 3:30pm on Friday 26th July the aircraft made a low level pass over the Barracks Bridge area of Silloth and circled before departing to the east, prior to resuming his journey to Prestwick.



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