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The Bee Garden on Silloth Green
Photo by: James Smith



submitted applications for 'Coastal Town' Awards in 2014 and 2015; and Silloth Town Council in partnership with 'Friends of the Green' submitted applications for the RHS 'It's your Neighbourhood' Awards. The town was presented to the judges in the best light possible, with advance preparations and presentations before judging tours.

'Silloth in Bloom' set to brighten the town!

Local people have come together to form 'Silloth in Bloom' after hearing the fantastic news that the town has been chosen as a 'Coastal Community' finalist in the UK wide RHS 'Britain in Bloom' Campaign.

The town's selection is a great achievement, since the campaign is one of the largest horticultural operations in Europe, involving a thousand communities across the UK each year. Participating communities work together to make improvements that benefit the people who live, work and visit the town.

The selection of Silloth as a finalist has grown out of successful applications for awards from 'Cumbria in Bloom' and the Royal Horticultural Society over the past two years. Allerdale Borough Council and Silloth Town Council

These efforts behind the scenes bore fruit and resulted in the town gaining recognition. For two years running Silloth has won the Cumbria in Bloom 'Coastal Town' Award. In 2015, the 'Special Category Continental Landscapes Trophy' was awarded to Silloth for the Community Garden and the new Rose and Bee Garden, which were joint winners. In addition these two gardens were individual winners in the Britain in Bloom Royal Horticultural Society 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Category, each gaining a Level 5 'Outstanding' result. These awards compliment the Council, its staff and all the local volunteers in Silloth, who work so hard to support the town, both in a horticultural and environmental sense and in

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Xmas Lunch Raises £258



Report by:
Jackie McCormick

Alison, John and Jackie with cheque for £258.60

The Christmas Lunch in Silloth Cafe this year was a donations only lunch. Thanks to everyone who gave

us their time, especially John Smart who was in charge of cooking, and others who donated money and produce. Thanks also to everyone

on the day for their kindness. The volunteers raised £258.60 for the Cumbria Flood Recovery Appeal. We are all very proud of this.

Burns Night in St Andrews



Report by: Penny Stimson

On Saturday 23rd January, St Andrews Church hosted a Burns Night.

There was succulent haggis with tattie and neeps

not to forget the wee tot of whisky! Many who came had never tasted haggis, but all agreed it was indeed delicious. It was followed by apple and raspberry crumble

with ice cream. To finish we had shortbread tea/coffee.

The evening concluded with a quiz on Scotland and everyone who attended had an enjoyable evening.

Join Silloth in Bloom

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terms of organising diverse events and supporting the many organisations and clubs in the town.

The Britain in Bloom judges, who will visit Silloth in August, will assess different locations in the town. They will be looking for floral displays and signs of a caring community, eg. picturesque residential gardens, environmentally friendly green spaces and features on the Green, attractive shop frontages, cleaner and greener streets and striking flower arrangements created by businesses and organisations in the town.

Without a doubt, community participation - along with a beautiful setting - is what gives Silloth its vibrancy. Involvement of local people in what happens builds pride in the town. Without participation of volunteers Silloth would lose much of its lustre. Referring to Silloth in Bloom, Bill Jefferson, Chair of the team, says: "it's very important that different people and groups in the town share

responsibility. A light structure, with a minimum of fuss and bureaucracy is needed to kick start the four month period of preparation for judgement day. I would anticipate few general meetings; rather each sub-group getting on with its work. For example, Wendy Jamieson has agreed to coordinate/lead on the allotments. The Women's Institute (WI) are looking after the Discovery Centre Garden, with Ann Winter (representing Friends of the Green) and Vivian Russell leading on the Community Garden and Bee Garden respectively."

Anyone locally can join the 'Silloth in Bloom' Team and develop fresh ideas. The aim is to support existing local developments, and also create new projects that will make Silloth the best and most attractive small Coastal Town in the UK. There's a lot that could be done and people in the town are urged to lend their support. Local residents, businesses, schools, churches, hotels, camp sites, sports clubs and all the different groups in the town have an important role to

play.

Ideas on how some of the bare spots in the town can be improved are important. Anna Malina, who is co-ordinating the Silloth in Bloom effort, says "The whole idea is to have fun while improving how the town looks, and I'm sure if local groups and businesses put their heads together and work towards a common goal, they will be able to come up with some great ideas. The whole town worked together last year in preparation for the Cycle Race and that was huge fun and a great success. We all still remember Ralph. Taking part in improving horticulture and creating flower displays as well as caring for the environment will create big improvements in the town. As the town is recognised regionally and nationally for its improvements and the lively participation of local people, more visitors will come and businesses in the town will thrive as a result. The domino effect is that local people will also gain since the whole town will 'b(1)oom' and have an even more exciting 'buzz' about it."

So, it's really important to get involved. New ideas are really important but to

keep already high standards of care at the same level, the Community Garden and the Discovery Centre Garden urgently need new helpers. People in the town seem to enjoy them, so please give a little of your time to help keep them looking lovely.

Volunteers are also needed to help improve the more down at heel spaces in the town and make them more attractive. Funds can be raised locally to support developments, but some funding is available for special projects such as new floral displays and projects that will make a difference, for example, ideas that will make the town safer, or that improve the local environment by tackling conservation issues, graffiti or litter. Working to reduce anti-social behaviour will also count and will have a positive long-term effect on the community as well as being integral to the Britain in Bloom award scheme. Other possibilities might include photography or art schemes illustrating horticultural, environmental and coastal aspects of the town. Things like art-work and photos, created by adults and children, can be sold to help fund new projects.

Community participation of this kind shows that the town has a positive civic spirit and believes in its own ability to identify problems, come up with solutions and then take action to make things better for everyone. Negative thinkers may believe that everything should be handed to them on a plate without anyone actually doing anything positive to make things better, however, it's very well known that places with positive civic/community involvement that builds pride in the town are those that thrive best.

Future progress for the town is in your hands. Horticultural skills are less

important than a willingness to get involved. Age is not a barrier, and everyone from the older generation to children can do their bit for the town. If you have an idea and/or can give some help, please get in touch with Anna Malina: email anna.malina@silloth-on-solway.co.uk or ring 07900 922818 and leave a message. All welcome to come to the next meeting of Silloth in Bloom, which will be held in the Community Hall in Petteril Street on Tuesday 5th April at 7pm. Let's pack the hall out. New ideas are needed so please get your thinking caps on, discuss them informally and get feedback and support from others in the team.

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Do You Remember?



This photograph was sent in by Mrs Dinah Wallace of Esk Street who hopes it will bring back memories and be of interest.

The photograph was taken in 1929 and the man is standing on the 'platform' where the train

stopped for people visiting the Convalescent Home. The home is on the left of the platform. The railway line goes on to the 'Battery' where the military tested their large guns, shooting out over the Solway Firth. In the background is Carrs Mill, the

building to the left of Carrs Mill housed the mechanism to operate the dock gates.

The lairage can also be seen in front of Carrs Mill, at that time these were small sheds running east to west, unlike the lairage today which runs north to south.

Thanks to SOSCS Ladies



On Monday 25th January at the committee meeting of Silloth on Solway Community Shop, Steve Henderson, senior helmsman of Silloth lifeboat along with David Catton

and Eddie Studholme from Silloth RNLI who were also there presented Mrs Doreen Matthews and other committee members, with a "Certificate of Thanks."

This is in recognition

of all their hard work, commitment and continued support to the RNLI at Silloth.

A commemorative plaque was also presented to mark the occasion.

Your Solway Needs You

Graeme Proud
Solway Coast Ranger/
Volunteer Coordinator

As most of you will be aware the Coastline around Silloth is a unique and picturesque area, which can compete with the very best that Britain has to offer. Not only is Silloth itself on the doorstep of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, but the coastline around it is also a jewel in the crown of Cumbria.

I feel that we are extremely lucky to have such a special place on our doorstep. I know when I am away for any length of time I cannot wait to get back to the peace and solitude the area has to offer, a patch of the Cumbrian coast that has

been so familiar to me since childhood.

If we take a look at the dunes system, in between Silloth and Maryport, we are guided in to a unique habitat where rare and beautiful plants, grasses, and wildlife exist. A place so peaceful you can become lost in your own thoughts. Take a wander on to the tide edge while breathing in the fresh sea air, listening to the wading birds scurrying ahead of the tide, hastily feeding before the water covers up their microscopic food; a feeding frenzy that has taken place for thousands of years.

To assist with the management of this beautiful area, I am arranging a series

of litter picking events which will take place once a month in and around Silloth, from March onwards for the whole of the spring and summer season. The first of these will take place on West Beach on Wednesday 30th March commencing at 10:30am to 12:30pm.

I hope that some of you will consider joining us, and hopefully we as a community can help improve the area we live in. All tools and gloves will be provided. I would also ask that you keep a close eye on the Solway Buzz for dates, times and location of our next litter picking events. Graeme Proud, Solway Coast Ranger/ Volunteer Coordinator, Email graeme.proud@hotmail.co.uk, tel 016973 33055.



College Bee by Kaysie Henderson from Silloth Primary School

Make Sure You Are Registered to Vote Before the Polls in May

Voters will be heading to the polls on 5 May 2016 to elect a new Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cumbria.

This is the second time PCC elections have been held, following the election of Richard Rhodes as the county's first elected Police

and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria in November 2012.

Some areas of the county will also have local elections on the same day.

Now residents are being encouraged to make sure they are on the Register of Electors so they can have their say in these elections.

As long as your name is included in the Register of Electors you will be able to vote, but if your name doesn't appear on the Register of Electors you won't be able to vote and you may also find it difficult to obtain financial services such as a credit card or a mortgage or even have difficulty opening a bank account.

If you think you're not registered, or if you have moved recently, the closing date for registering to vote in the PCC and local elections is Monday, 18 April 2016.

It is easy to register, just go online to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

The PCC's role is to act as the public's voice on how policing is carried out in Cumbria.

They will also be responsible for setting the

force's budget and deciding what its priorities and strategy should be.

If anyone would like a postal vote, or wishes to change an existing postal or proxy vote, they must apply to their Electoral Registration Officer in their local authority area by 5pm on Tuesday, 19 April, 2016.

Applications for new proxy votes must be received by 5pm on Tuesday, 26 April, 2016. Applications for proxy votes because of a medical emergency or for work/ service reasons, which have occurred after 5pm on 26 April can be accepted until 5pm on polling day.

All application forms can be obtained from the Electoral Registration Officer at the local authority where the applicant is registered to vote. Completed forms must be submitted to the same Electoral Registration Officer by the relevant date.

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RNLI Quiz Night

Report by: Margaret English

Braving the wet and windy weather conditions on Friday 29th January, thirteen quiz teams gathered to compete in the annual RNLI Quiz at Mrs Wilson's in Silloth.

It is organised by the Silloth and District RNLI Fundraising group. David and Carol at Mrs Wilson's gave everyone a very warm and cosy welcome. They provided an excellent supper at half time and everyone was well supplied with drinks throughout the evening.

Thanks to everyone at Mrs Wilson's for making the evening very special and very successful. Geoff and Sarah Betsworth were there again setting the interesting



quiz questions and running the evening. A huge thank you to them especially Sarah who takes the task of setting the questions very seriously and testing them on the family. It was a very relaxed and enjoyable evening for everyone and good to have Eddie Studholme the Silloth RNLI Operations Manager in one of the teams.

The winning team was

once again the Sausage Fingers with a score of 144 followed by the Wrigleys Gum with a score of 130.

Apologies go to the team who finished last as we forgot to present a booby prize this year! £310 was raised after costs which was £60 up on last year. Finally, a very special thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun.

Silloth in the Snow



Yes, it does snow in Silloth! This was taken on 17th January 2016
Photo by: James Smith Photography www.jamesmithphotography.com

Anti-Social Behaviour in Silloth

Report by: PCSO 5299 Peter Nichol.

Recently in Silloth there has been an increase in Anti-social behaviour. There have been several serious incidents. These have included: incidents where youths have banged on doors and have been verbally abusive towards residents, youths hanging around outside of the Co-op and being verbally abusive to staff and customers. There has also been Criminal Damage caused at various locations around the Silloth area, this has included the Junior and Senior schools. Youths have also been involved in setting off the alarms on the Community Hall.

In the past the children and young adults of Silloth have been very well behaved. This recent spell of bad behaviour has unfortunately put ALL of the young people in Silloth in a bad light, even though the vast majority

are very well behaved.

The police, the Town Council and both the Junior and secondary schools are working very closely to address and prevent this sort of behaviour.

Nobody expects children to stay in at home and not to have any fun, however being out in the community should not negatively impact on the other people who live there. All of the young people in Silloth MUST be mindful of their behaviour and should show respect to everyone else that lives in THEIR Town.

Parents please be mindful of the issues that are going on in the area. Please take steps to ensure that your children are aware of what constitutes Anti-Social Behaviour and please make children aware of the consequences that



could be faced if they are found to be taking part in criminal activity. This includes damaging property and using offensive language.

The Police would also like to appeal to members of the public to continue to report any incidents to them on telephone number 101 or in the case of a crime ongoing please call 999. The Police would also like to encourage members of the public who may have information regarding the youths involved in the ongoing issues to contact them on telephone number 101 or via the local PCSO.

A zero tolerance approach will be shown and any offenders will be dealt with robustly.



Waver Wine Circle

The February meeting on Wednesday 10th February was our annual Cheese, Wine and Games Evening.

Twelve people came along, two of our members were skiing in the French Alps. Graham and Janet Stukins had set their usual quizzes to 'stir the old grey matter' leading to much laughter.

Thank you Janet and Graham for an entertaining evening.

A selection of cheese to rival Sainsbury's was organised by Stella, our Treasurer. It gets better every year. Thanks were given by Bill, our Chairman.

Why not join us, contact Stuart Jones on 016973 61006.



Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning

Report by: Pat Froggatt

The first coffee morning of 2016 took place at the Recreation Hall off Eden Street. The Committee were delighted to see so many of you all enjoying the morning. It is always a pleasure to greet old friends and to catch up on the latest news and gossip. As a special thank you because of your continued and regular support, the Committee decided that this coffee morning would be free of charge.

Unfortunately, our cake stall was not as well stocked as normal for which we apologise, and hope to be

back on track at our next coffee morning. The raffle was well supported with a good number of prizes on offer. Scones and biscuits were in plentiful supply to have with your coffee, or tea if preferred.

Thank you all for attending and we look forward to seeing you again at our next and subsequent coffee mornings.

Raffle winners were: Jean Clifford (2), Linda McCormick, June Moreton, Enda Keaveney, Joyce Bragg, Pat Froggatt, Joan Carey, and Gerry Thorogood.

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What Benefits or Allowances Can I Claim

Attendance Allowance & Disability Living Allowance - Can I claim both?

West Cumbria Carers are now holding benefits clinics throughout Allerdale for people who care for a family member or friend with an illness or disability.

Their Benefits Support Worker Gillian is available to provide help to apply for a host of benefits including Carers Allowance, Personal Independence Payment and Attendance Allowance. She can also assist with Council Tax discounts and referrals to the Department for Work and Pensions.

Gillian recently met with 71 year old Connie* who cares for her husband Geoff*, aged 77. Connie wanted to know if her husband was eligible for Attendance Allowance following a recent diagnosis of Dementia. Geoff already receives Disability

Living Allowance at a low rate. He receives this because he has struggled for years with painful rheumatoid arthritis.

Gillian supported Connie to make contact with the Department of Work & Pensions for a reassessment of her husband's benefit because his care needs had dramatically increased over the last few years as a result of Dementia. Connie didn't feel confident to complete the paperwork and was pleased to gain our support, she was also supported to apply for a Council Tax reduction as a result of her husband's dementia.

If you are caring for someone who was in receipt of DLA before they hit 65 and their care needs have



increased then they can't claim another health based benefit, however they are entitled to a reassessment of their needs if they are on a lower rate and have experienced increase in their care and mobility needs.

Clinics are held in the following venues:

- Silloth Library on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am & 11am
- Wigton Library on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2pm & 3pm
- Maryport Library on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10am & 11am
- Keswick Library on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10am & 11am
- West Cumbria Carers Cockermouth Office on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10am

Appointments can be booked by calling 01900 821 976.

(*Names have been changed).

Pub of the Season



On Saturday 23rd January 2016 members of the West Cumbria Branch of CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) visited The Lowther at Mawbray to present Jay and Morven Anson with the Winter 2015/16 Pub of the Season.

The Lowther re-opened 18 months ago after a complete refurbishment with a focus on providing

quality pub food and local real ales. It has since gone from strength to strength with a popular Monday night charity quiz, regular folk and storytelling sessions, monthly Tapas nights and occasional themed food evenings and music sessions.

Jay Anson said 'We are delighted that CAMRA has recognised our commitment to providing real ale and

with two excellent breweries, Derwent and Yates, on our doorstep as well as Jennings nearby we can have three real ales available at all times. Food is obviously extremely important for rural pubs like ours, but with a large beer garden for the summer and a cosy log fire for the winter it's nice that so many people do still use their pub to socialise.'

BeerFest News, also Craft & Food Stalls Opportunity

Silloth Music & Beer Festival (8th to 11th September) are holding a showcase for this years festival on the 19th March from 7pm until late in Silloth Bowling Club. The featured act are local pop group LUNA 5 with supporting acts. Admission is only £3, pay on the door. All proceed go towards this years festival. March is the last month to

purchase Earlybird Tickets. The camping offers at Stanwix Park and Solway Village are on sale now.

The Music & Beer Festival line-up is coming together nicely and promises to be the best yet.

Preceding the Beer Festival in the same large marquee on Silloth Green from Sunday 4th to Tuesday 6th September is a Craft

and Food Fair from 10am to 5pm each day. For details on how to book email june@hayton74.freeserve.co.uk for crafts stalls and sidhart1@hotmail.co.uk for food stalls.

Dog Fouling Fine £1,000!

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council are appealing to dog owners to be responsible and to pick up after their pets. Dog fouling continues to be a real issue around the town and Allerdale Borough

Council has been contacted to ask that action is taken against the offenders.

A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) can be used to help deal with issues such as dog fouling, keeping dogs on leads and excluding dogs from specified areas.

PSPOs specify an area where activities are taking place that are or may likely be detrimental to the local community's quality of life. PSPOs impose conditions or restrictions on people using that area. The orders are designed to ensure that the law-abiding majority can enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour. The council can make a PSPO on any public space within its own area.

Any persons found guilty of breaching the order are liable on summary conviction to a fine not

exceeding £1,000. Depending on the behaviour in question, the enforcing officer could decide that a fixed penalty notice of £75.00 would be the most appropriate sanction.

PSPOs may be enforced by police officers, police community safety officers and any officers designated by the Council.

The Town Council would like to know what the local community think about the possibility of the Council employing someone to be a 'local' enforcement officer which would obviously involve some cost.

The Town Council would also like to hear any suggestions you might have on how to tackle the problem of dog fouling. Email the Town Clerk at townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk or send a letter to 5 Burnswark Terrace, Solway Street, Silloth, Cumbria.

Wise Bee by Daisy Smart from Silloth Primary School



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£2,345 for Cancer Research



Solway Saints Netball Team & Silloth Tigers would like to say a huge thank you to those that contributed in raising money for Cancer Research UK. A charity netball match was held between the two teams raising a brilliant £2,345. Great well done to everyone involved. Let's see what the next challenge brings....

Abbeytown Mothers Union

Report by: Gladys Temple

Rev Bryan Rothwell took the chair for the 2016 AGM at Holm Cultram Abbey MU held in the Coffee Shop.

The theme for the evening was taken from readings and the collect of St. Paul. Maureen Gibson read the prayers for the overseas members. Elaine Atkinson began the meeting with the record of the 2015 meetings. We had a varied programme including Poetry by Margaret Thompson, Stories in Rhyme by Joan Bennett and slides on Japan by Pax Garbaedian and an Open Meeting with a Ukulele Band. We visited several other MU's and enjoyed several visits from neighbouring MU's.

Some members attended the W.W.D.P, the Lady Day Service, the Quiet Evening, the Summer Festival and they helped with the May Market, the Strawberry Teas and the Christmas Market. We have had a busy programme enjoyed by everyone.

Anita Norman then gave her treasurers report and it was agreed to give money to the Abbey in lieu of rent. Brenda Sim gave her report and thanked everyone for all the help she had received from various members throughout her time as Branch Leader. Brenda agreed to carry on as Branch Leader with Freda Garner as deputy, Elaine Atkinson also stayed as Secretary with Joan Winter to help, Judith Bryan

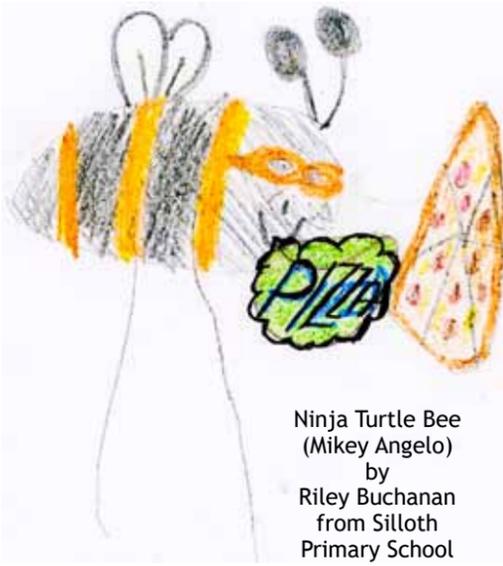
as raffle organizer and Gladys Temple as press secretary. Elsie Donald agreed to carry on as a Committee Member.

Rev Rothwell thanked everyone for all the help with the Abbey Services, the lovely supper and the prayers for him.

The AGM was closed and the January Meeting began with Anita collecting this year's Subs of £16 from all the members present.

It was agreed to send a donation to Mary Sumner House for the 'Going an extra Mile' collection.

Arrangements were discussed for the 50th Anniversary Day on 25th June. Birthday greetings were sung to Freda, Elaine and Gladys. The meeting ended with the Grace.



Ninja Turtle Bee (Mikey Angelo) by Riley Buchanan from Silloth Primary School



The Sing Song Say Bee by Rosie Gorman from Silloth Primary School



Jaything Bee by Jayden Cole from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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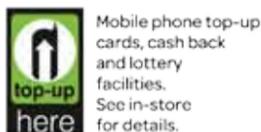
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Arthritis Support Group

Margaret Armstrong welcomed fourteen members of the Arthritis Support Group to Wigton Bowling Club for the first meeting of 2016.

The New Year Lunch held at Greenhill Hotel in January had been enjoyed by everyone and a letter was read out from Hospice at Home West Cumbria thanking them for the donation of £60 sent instead of exchanging presents at the Lunch.

Apologies were received from Joan Armstrong, Edna Marper and Catherine Cheetham.

Paul Gibson Arthritis Nurse from Cumberland Infirmary needed no introduction as he is a regular speaker at our meetings and today spoke on the current thinking on Osteoporosis. He had brought a good selection of books on various aspects of Arthritis and these were shared out. He talked about inflammation of the immune system causing Arthritis and talked of various self help things we could use. There was a discussion about the different things tried by members and what helped one did not help all however some things were helpful to most. Part of the latest thinking is that when people are feeling better it can be possible to cut down on medication but this should only be done with help from your Doctor. Losing weight using heat and taking your pain killers at the correct time seem to be the best way as they also help to prevent mini strokes

too. Some people speak of 'ONLY' arthritis but it is the cause of several thousands of lost work days and lots of disabilities which can be life changing.

There was a lot of discussion among members on how it affected them and several are awaiting operations while others were able to talk about how they were affected after their surgery.

Margaret Armstrong thanked Paul for his useful talk then Heather and Mary H. served refreshments while Paul continued giving advice. Anne Fee was the lucky winner of the Raffle. Several members had to leave early but a relaxation CD provided by Arthritis UK was played before everyone left feeling refreshed.

The March Meeting was a depleted meeting with apologies from Lilian, Edna, Eleanor, Heather, Joan and Eunice, our best wishes were sent to them all.

Margaret Armstrong welcomed everyone but our speaker Pauline Mole being a member did not need any introduction. Pauline is a member of the Cumbria

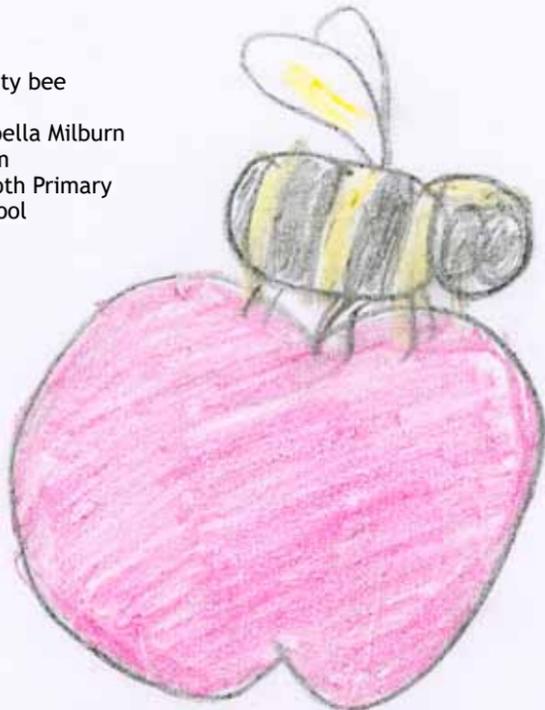
Dialect Society and a past winner of several sessions of their annual competitions.

The first poem was about New Year resolutions and had everyone laughing from the start but the list was very varied with one about Storm Desmond, another about the drowning of Mardale and then the changing of the Cumbrian Seasons followed by Mobile Phones, God Knows, Holiday Clothes, and a camera, Photo Album, Trouble, Will and The Queen. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the variety and Margaret thanked Pauline for a lovely afternoon.

The refreshments were served by Gladys with help from June, Catherine and Joan Armstrong. Gladys was the lucky winner of the raffle. The new refreshment rota was distributed along with more 2016 programmes. Mary Harrison collected the annual subscriptions but will have more to collect next month.

Ideas were requested for the July trip and will be discussed next month when Airdrie Harrison-Cottril will talk about various alternative forms of health relief.

Fruity bee by Izabella Milburn from Silloth Primary School



Country Music Festival Donates £2,500



Above: the cheque presentation to the Radiotherapy Unit

Below: two of the cowboys settling an argument

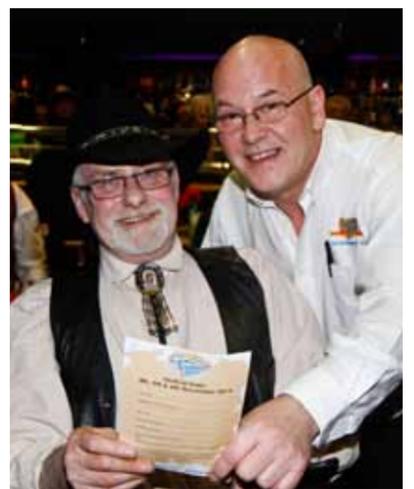
Bottom: The happy winner of a free weekend at the C&W in November.

The Stanwix Park Country Music Festival was once again a great success. It was the 25th Festival at Stanwix Park! One of the longest running festivals in the UK!

A cheque was presented to the Radiotherapy special purposes fund at Carlisle for £2500, this money was raised at the previous festival in November 2015.

Across the weekend of 5th to 7th March the festival goers raised an amazing £2851.90 which will be presented to a charity at their next festival during 4th to 6th November 2016. This festival is almost sold out already! Stanwix Park send a big thanks to everyone involved, raising over £38,500 for charity over the last 25 festivals. See you in November for another fantastic weekend.

The three day event starts each day with line dancing instruction from 10am to 11am, followed by very noisy live fast gun shoot-outs from 11am to 1pm using original weapons. From 1pm until the wee small hours there is a non stop mix of live country music bands from all around the country.



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B5300 Coast Road Must Be Kept Open for Businesses & Travel



Rocks & debris on the road at Dubmill after the severe storm of 26th January

Report & Photos by:
Bill James

Silloth and Solway Coast are open for business!

We are told that this mess is from the beach and until the road is swept the road will have to be closed to buses cars and lorries.

Councillors, Officers and Authorities tell us that it is a matter of consideration for safety of road users, as I see it, if the existing debris was removed, the only dangerous time would be when the tide is fully in and splashing over the road

Unfortunately we are being deceived in that the mess is not from the beach. It consists of waste materials from the renovations to the wall last year.

Turf, loam and tar from the road are all materials to be found and these are alien to the beach and so the waste can't be returned to the beach and so they are piled up on the road side.

Two offers have been made in writing to highway authority offering a place to deposit the materials so clearing the deck for future high tides and there being nothing to wash or be blown back onto the road.

These offers have been ignored.

A second suggestion is to deposit the debris on the other side of the road so that it would blow inland rather than on to the road.

A third suggestion is to construct a row of Gabions (wire baskets) from the



railings, along past the Edderside Road to the beck, this would stabilise the debris and offer protection to this part of the beach

This latter suggestion would require a license from Marine Management

and would then have to be actioned by CCC.

I am told that one of their officials is hoping to get funding in the next financial year to start a survey of all of Allerdale & Copeland coastlines. Recommendations

could possibly then be actioned the following year. Who knows if there would be anything left for the northern areas. God help us!

You can help - Sign the petition in the Coop, Spar or Winters Newsagents.

Causewayhead WI

Report by: Pat Froggatt

On the 14th January Causewayhead WI held their first meeting of 2016 and were pleased to welcome Sam Jackson who gave a talk with slides on her charity work in Morocco - it was entitled "Teaching Girls to knit in Morocco".

She began by explaining her involvement with the girls and the efforts being made to help them not only to learn to knit but also in their pursuit of education.

Some of the girls make long journeys to get to school. The film showed the long and arduous trek one of the girls got to make something that is difficult for us to imagine. One particular girl who is 15 has to travel 20 miles and could take her as much as eight hours.

A number of the girls are married between the ages of 10 and 19 and stand the risk of getting pregnant and also getting HIV.

When the girls are old enough to get further education a house has been made available for them to stay in so that they can stay there to continue with their studies, and the aim of the charity is to provide more of this accommodation so that more chances can be given to them to enable them to go on to University. All members were impressed by the work the charity is doing to assist these girls and many members had brought along wool and knitting needles which would be taken to Morocco. A tremendously interesting evening and appreciated by all, a vote of thanks was given by Mona Kent.

Competitions: A woollen item was won by Jean Graham, 2nd was Ann Harrison. The flower competition was won by Mona Kent who was also 2nd. The wild flower competition was won by Pat Froggatt. The raffle was won by Sam Jackson and 2nd was Margaret Durham.

Our President, Margaret Durham, welcomed members and nine visitors

to our February meeting, and introduced our speaker for the afternoon Judy Lees, accompanied by her husband Mike. The title of their presentation was 'Our Life with Crafts'

Judy began her talk by giving us a background to their life and how they began doing their crafts. They used to run a B&B and started to make a few things to sell to supplement their income. After they retired they decided to expand their crafts to a full time

occupation. Judy then began to explain how certain items they made came about. They visited Canada a number of times and picked up some wonderful ideas whilst there - one item in particular was a 'Dammit Doll' ideal for getting rid of

ones frustrations. The table was laden with their various crafts such as Lavender dolls. Baby baskets, peg bags and many others too numerous to mention. All members and guests had the opportunity to examine a number of these items. I think we were all amazed at the volume and diversity of their display.

All their crafts are available from their premises at Moorhouse and also at the Gincase - and well worth going and having a look at what they have on offer.

A vote of thanks was given by Mona Kent.

During the General Business that followed a short refreshment break, members expressed their concern at the loss of the bus service to Maryport and Workington. A great deal of hard work has been put in by many people in Silloth to promote the town and now we are to lose a vital lifeline for many residents. I do hope that the council or some other bus company will take on this essential link for many of our residents.

Competition for a hand crafted item was won by Mollie Lomas, 2nd Mona Kent. Flower: 1st Mona Kent, 2nd Ann Harrison. Wild Flower, Pat Froggatt.



Newton Arlosh
looking over Morecambe Bay and Grune Point to
Criffell in Scotland
Photo by: James Smith Photography
www.jamesmithphotography.com

Easter Memories



The Easter Memories of Patricia Mabel Aikin

In the late 1920's and early 1930's Easter was a very special time for children in the North. Preparation for Easter in our household in Cumberland began weeks before with the collection of onion skins. These were hoarded to be used later for dyeing pace eggs.

In the week before Easter fresh hens eggs would be boiled with the onion skins and then when they were hard-boiled the eggs were rubbed with butter to give them the gloss and colour of chestnuts.

Some households collected gorse blossom for yellow eggs, others achieved green eggs - I don't know how. Commercial dyes were unpopular because although they produce beautiful colours, (I remember purple), the dyes permeated the porous eggshells and discoloured the eggs.

It was the custom to give Pace egg and an orange to school friends.

Most of the houses in the town at that time had sash windows and the eggs were placed on the sash often producing a colourful show and not a little envy as we walked around comparing numbers and colours.

At that time, if there were any chocolate eggs they were beyond our purse.

I remember the appearance of the first chocolate eggs in Wannop's shop on Criffel Street, wrapped in plain silver paper, nesting in a silver cardboard horseshoe with two small celluloid dolls dressed as bride and groom on either

side.

They were coveted by many.

Easter was special for another reason: it was the time for the new clothes.

Little girls would enquire of each other: Are you going to be an Easter baby?? Much excitement if this meant going to church on Easter morning dressed in a new coat, hat and shoes, (Oh the joy of patent leather ankle strap shoes).

But there was a payoff! 'Nip for New' was the cry and custom, so pride was tempered by boisterous nipping - a bit painful sometimes.

I have no real recollection of flowers decorating the church at Easter.

My memory is much more of pussy willows and catkins and hedgerow plants.

The church bells seemed especially joyous at Easter time.

Perhaps it had something to do with our excitement that we could show off our pace eggs and take them to the big hill on the green, (nearest the putting green and donkeys, although

neither were about so early in the year), and roll our eggs, hoping they'd break on the way down.

Is there anything less tasty than a cold week-old hard-boiled egg? Nevertheless they were very special to us on Easter Day.

It was years later that the significance of the word pace, pronounced differently, hit me.

In the 20's and 30's we rolled our symbolic stones from the tomb and were full of joy.

Solway Shore Walks 2016

Ann Lingard (dubbed a 'low-tide guide' by Radio 4's Open Country www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b05r4088 after they joined her on the shore) will again be leading informal walks on the Solway shore in the Allonby and Beckfoot areas, between April and August - with the aim of seeing what can be found on the lower shore when there's a good low tide, followed by a wander back up to the dunes and along the tidelines.

Allonby Bay has just been designated a Marine Conservation Zone! So expect to see the very special honeycomb worm reefs for which it is famous, and to hunt for exposures of the 8,000-year-old submerged forest. You never know what else you'll find!

The first three walks are on Saturday 9th April (meet at 0800h), Sunday 10th April (0900h) and Sunday 8th May (0800h) - the Solway's 'best' tides are always early, though there are some evening walks later in the year.

Although the walks are free, booking is essential.

Full details of when,



Marine animals encrust the timber and chain of an old wreck

where and what to wear can be found on the Solway Shore Stories website www.solwayshorestories.co.uk/shore-walker/ - where you can also read 'stories' about the reefs and forest, and much more.

For further information

and to book, email enquiries@annlingard.com or phone 016973 21967 for more information.

Ann also writes shorter pieces related to the Solway - on topics ranging from mussels in coal-mines to Robin Rigg turbines, tidal-

power schemes to walking the 'waths', gyroplane flights to saxophones at dawn (and an explanation of why the Solway's best tides are early in the morning!) - in the Solway Shore-Walker blog, www.solwayshorewalker.wordpress.com.



Buzzy Bee in the Sun by Ellis Carr from Silloth Primary School

West Side Stories

West Side Stories have plans for the old playing field at West Silloth - but we need your help. We are looking to do some fundraising and wondering how often do you wash your car? We would like the chance to wash your vehicle and you could give us a donation towards our playing field venture, please let us know via West Side Stories on facebook, or email denise.pattinson@mail.com.

In January members of the local community met with MP Sue Hayman and discussed the problems of speeding within the town. We know the town council

have secured a vehicle count throughout the town with the help of the county council and are very grateful. A facebook page in the name of Silloth and area 20 is plenty has been launched.

For many months there have been voices that there is a great deal of speeding in our area, but we need you to help us make sure the voices are heard, please join us at the facebook page or contact at email address denise.pattinson@mail.com, if there is enough support we will try and organise a public meeting. Many thanks for your support.

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Silloth Green Day

29th May 2016 11.00am - 4.00pm



Live Music - Fun Fair - Donkey Rides
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Circus Skills - Balloon Modelling
Family Dog Show - Bring Your Dogs
Birds of Prey & Mobile Zoo

Vintage Vehicles - Dog & Duck Display Team



Children's Centre

Opening Hours:
Monday 9:30am to 12:30pm fortnightly for the Childminders group also
Monday 1pm to 3 pm term time
Tuesday 1pm to 3 pm term time
Wednesday 9:30am to 12:30 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.

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

Arthritis Support

Wigton Area Arthritis Support Group meet on 1st Friday each month at West Street Bowling Club, Wigton @ 1pm to 3pm, details from Gladys 016973 43964

Silloth Tots/Toddlers

Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in the Children's 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
All Welcome
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Slimming World

Saturday Slimming World group meet in Silloth Primary School at 9am then the second group meet at 11am
Tuesday Slimming World group meet at Silloth Primary School at 7pm
Tel Denise on 07799 708465.

Christ Church

For Christ Church baptisms and other church related business please contact:
Rev Bryan Rothwell
The Vicarage, Wigton Road
Tel: 016973 31413

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Maryport Tip, tel 01900 66922 open daily 8am to 6pm
Wigton Tip, tel 016973 45617 open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 6pm

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Football Training

Silloth Football Club

Silloth Sports Hall
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Abbeytown Sports Field
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Crafting Group

Interested in crafting? come along to Silloth Crafting Group on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm at St Andrews Church Hall.
We are a well established group, friendly people with a variety of crafting talents-willing to share their knowledge. Enjoy the chat and learn from the other crafters, or just sit and chat.

Wednesday Bunch

Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Eden Street Wednesday Bunch, at 5pm every Wednesday, (except in school holidays)
Fun, bible stories, quizzes, craft, games for 5-11s

Kickboxing Club

The Kickboxing Club is held in Christ Church Hall every Thursday night from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. All welcome.
www.solwaykickboxing.webeden.co.uk

Ladies Fellowship

Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Eden Street Ladies Fellowship is on alternate Thursdays at 1:45pm. Warm fellowship, refreshments, and good speakers. All welcome

Breast-feeding Group

Mondays 10am to 11:30am
Wigton Bowling Club, West Road, Wigton
Have a cup of tea and meet other breast-feeding mums. Support and advice is available from trained Breast-feeding Peer Supporters and from Health Visitors or Midwives. For more information call Wigton Health Visitors: 016973 66608

Abbeytown Lunches

Holm Cultram Abbey C of E School are providing Community Lunches every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Two courses and a drink for only £3.50 at 12:30pm (we can deliver locally too!) to book tel: 016973 61261

Martial Arts

Silloth Dragons
Mixed Martial Arts Club
train in Christ Church Hall on Thursdays
under 12's 6:45pm to 7:30pm
12's & over 7:30pm to 8:30pm
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March

17th Chamber of Trade meeting in Golf Hotel at 7pm open to all

19th Silloth RUFC Silloth v Fleetwood

19th Film Show in St Andrews Church Hall, doors open 2:15pm, A Theory of Everything, the story of Stephen Hawkins. Also: Doors open at 6:15pm for Everest, the 1996 climbing expedition, Entry £5

19th BeerFest Showcase with LUNA 5 in the Bowling Club at 7pm-late, tickets £3

20th Silloth Carnival Kids Easter Party in Silloth Rugby Club from 3pm to 5pm, see advert, entry by ticket only

22nd Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

25th Craft Fair on Green

26th Craft Fair on Green

26th Children's Crafts, Easter Egg decorating in St Andrews Church Hall from 2pm to 5pm in St Andrews Church Hall

27th Craft Fair on Green

27th The Knitted Bible display in Holme Cultram Abbey from 1pm to 4pm, see poster

28th Craft Fair on Green

28th The Knitted Bible display in Holme Cultram Abbey from 1pm to 4pm, see poster

29th The Knitted Bible display in Holme Cultram Abbey from 1pm to 4pm, see poster

30th Litter Picking Event meet at Silloth West Beach Car Park at 10:30am for a 2 hour beach clean, 016973 33055

30th The Knitted Bible display in Holme Cultram Abbey from 1pm to 4pm, see poster

31st The Knitted Bible display in Holme Cultram Abbey from 1pm to 4pm, see poster

April

1st The Knitted Bible display in Holme Cultram Abbey from 1pm to 4pm, see poster

1st Harlequin Choir perform Songs from Films & Shows in Christ Church Hall at 7pm, tickets £4

1st Waver Wine Circle in Blencogo Village Hall for a pudding night, Tel 016973 61006

2nd Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall at 10am to noon with Silloth & District Pensioners

2nd The Knitted Bible display in Holme Cultram Abbey from 1pm to 4pm, see poster

2nd Silloth RUFC Oldham v Silloth

30th Craft Fair on Green

30th Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall at 10am to noon with Silloth & District Pensioners

Wigton Cancer Support

Open to anyone who has/is living with cancer or anyone caring for someone with cancer. Feel free to drop in for a chat and refreshments any time between 2pm and 5pm on the second Wednesday of each month, at Wigton Bowling Club. For further information please contact: Gill Edmondson Tel: 016973 71696
Carole Storey T: 016973 44410

Dates for the Diary

April cont'd

3rd The Knitted Bible display in Holme Cultram Abbey from 1pm to 4pm, see poster

4th The Knitted Bible display in Holme Cultram Abbey from 1pm to 4pm, see poster

4th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

5th The Knitted Bible display in Holme Cultram Abbey from 1pm to 4pm, see poster

5th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

5th Silloth in Bloom meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm. all welcome

6th Parkinson's Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel at 11:15am, speaker Eddie's Ramblings, Lunch at 12:15pm, Tel 016973 52527

6th The Knitted Bible display in Holme Cultram Abbey from 1pm to 4pm, see poster

7th The Knitted Bible display in Holme Cultram Abbey from 1pm to 4pm, see poster

8th The Knitted Bible display in Holme Cultram Abbey from 1pm to 4pm, see poster

9th Solway Shore Walks with Ann Linguard at 8am, details: solwayshorestories.co.uk/shore-walker/

9th Silloth RUFC Silloth v Tyldesley

9th Bingo in St Andrews Church Hall from 7pm to 9:30pm

10th Solway Shore Walks with Ann Linguard at 9am, details: solwayshorestories.co.uk/shore-walker/

13th Causewayhead WI meeting in Methodist School Hall at 7:15pm

16th Parish Cleanup, meet 9:30am at Silloth Community Hall, 9:30am to 12:30pm lunch provided

16th Silloth RUFC Aldwinians v Silloth

19th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

21st Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons, 6pm-8:30pm

23rd Bromfield & District Horticultural Society OPEN SPRING SHOW, For any other information please contact Lynn on 07732 012659

23rd Silloth RUFC Silloth v Ashton-under-Lyne

23rd Children's Crafts, St Georges Day in St Andrews Church Hall from 2pm to 5pm in St Andrews Church Hall

27th Litter Picking Event meet at Wolsty Banks car park at 10:30am for a 2 hour beach clean, 016973 33055

30th Craft Fair on Green

30th Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall at 10am to noon with Silloth & District Pensioners

Blencogo Art Group

Every Monday from 1:30-4:30pm in Blencogo Village Hall where members help each other. Refreshments provided, regular outings, tel 016973 61158 or 61327

May

1st Craft Fair on Green

2nd Craft Fair on Green

3rd Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

4th Parkinson's Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel at 11:15am, speaker Wendy Hessel-Richardson on NIA Technique Exercises, Lunch at 12:15pm, Tel 016973 52527

7th Silloth RUFC Presentation night

8th Solway Shore Walks with Ann Linguard at 8am, details: solwayshorestories.co.uk/shore-walker/

9th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

10th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

11th Causewayhead WI meeting in Methodist School Hall at 7:15pm

17th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

21st Beetle Drive in St Andrews Church Hall from 7pm to 9:30pm

27th Litter Picking Event meet at Beckfoot car park at 10:30am for a 2 hour beach clean, 016973 33055

29th Silloth Green Day from 11am to 4pm, see advert

29th Plant & Craft Fair in Culterham Hall, Mawbray, 10am-4pm, tearoom

31st Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

June

1st Parkinson's Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel at 11:15am, speaker James Edge on Music for Health, Lunch at 12:15pm, Tel 016973 52527

6th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

8th Causewayhead WI meeting in Methodist School Hall at 7:15pm

11th Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall at 10am to noon with Silloth & District Pensioners

11th Silloth Vintage Rally

12th Silloth Vintage Rally

Doors Open Lunch

'Our Doors Open' meets in St Andrews Church every Tuesday from noon to 1pm for a light lunch with good fellowship for a donation only.

First Responders

Silloth Community First Responders train on the first and third Tuesday of every month in Silloth Community Centre at 7pm.

Bridge Group

Meet on Wednesday evenings from 7 till 9pm, at the Golf Club to play Duplicate. Information from mike.md@btinternet.com.

June cont'd

12th Mumbo Jumbo three piece band at Culterham Hall, Mawbray at 7:30pm, £8, tel 016973 31925

14th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

18th Children's Crafts, Fathers Day cards in St Andrews Church Hall from from 2pm to 5pm in St Andrews Church Hall

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Your Buzzing Letters

Dear Buzz,

Please can I say three thank you's, first to our wonderful family for all their gifts and help in moving to our bungalow, without them we wouldn't have got there. Secondly to our neighbours of 37 years for putting up with us for so long and lastly thank you to all our friends for the new home cards and flowers received off them. The kettles always on if anyone wants to call.

Moira & Billy Fearon

Dear Buzz,

Cumbria Trust has been accused of taking a Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY) stance on geological disposal. That is not the case. We do place significant weight on the extensive studies of Professors Smythe and Haszeldine, who reached a clear conclusion that Cumbria's geology is unsuitable for a GDF. A similar conclusion was reached by Chris McDonald, the Lead Inspector of the Nirex Inquiry after a £400m investigation. No subsequent work has effectively rebutted this. In fact we do see the need for the current nuclear legacy waste to remain in our back yard, at Sellafield for the foreseeable future, although we are deeply concerned by the state of some of the storage facilities, a view shared by the National Audit Office and Public Accounts Committee. There is an urgent need for an increase in spending on secure interim storage to mitigate these risks. We appreciate that some of this work is taking place, but a look at the near-surface interim storage facility in Sweden reminds us how far we are from our goal. The 16GW(e) new build programme currently being considered by government appears to increase the waste inventory from an activity of 4.8 million TBq (terabecquerels) in

the 2010 figures, to an estimated 27.3 million TBq, which would require a far larger GDF site than before. While Cumbria Trust remains neutral on nuclear power, as our members have a wide range of views, the increased size of a GDF required to house the resultant nuclear waste is a serious concern. This is particularly so when it appears that the geological screening process currently on the table is deeply flawed, and may be designed to allow a return to Cumbria for a third time.

Geoff Betsworth
(Chairman) Cumbria Trust

Dear Buzz,

My Grandson Ryan was eighteen on December 13th, he has autism and his mam and dad, Tracy and Stephen asked Stanwix Park if they could have his party there and play ten pin bowling. We explained the situation that he isn't very good at going places he doesn't know. They said for us to take him round just to get the feel of the place, Tracy and I took him round and had a game of ten pin bowling. It was great because the people working there just got on with what they were doing, they said hello and were nice. On the day of the party it was lovely, Tracy was up in high doors because she didn't know who was going to come, they did us proud. People who had known him since he was a baby, some of his friends came from the James Rennie School. It was nice to see them joining in and laughing and enjoying themselves. All thanks to Stanwix Park staff who looked after us so well, Stanwix Park is a big place to run but in these days of money! money! money! we thought it was so nice that they gave us such a lovely day and were so understanding. Ryan had such a great day thank you so much.

Ryan's Gran

Dear Buzz,

Would you please give Alan Tinnion my most sincere congratulations on winning his 14th title. We were at school together and were close friends during the 1970's and by the way you described him he hasn't changed a bit. He was always taking bikes, cars model aeroplanes apart and actually managed to get them together again and work, he was a wonderful friend and I remember his first legal moped and him dressed in his Barry Sheen leathers, God that thing was noisy.

David James

Dear Buzz,

Thought you might like to hear about how far a copy of November/ December 2015 Solway Buzz has travelled. My mum Christine Theedam picked one up in Cumbria when she was visiting in October. She passed it through various members of the family and so far the one copy has been hand delivered to family members in: Nottingham Worksop London Hong Kong Shanghai (me) and it is in my suitcase ready to head to my sister (Ann Howell) in Adelaide Australia on Saturday! Its looking a bit tattered now but still a good read!

Jane Chisnall

Dear Buzz,

Jellytots nursery would like to wish you all a happy new year and let you know what is available for you in 2016. As we now have a good rating off Ofsted we are able to offer two year funding to those children that are eligible. To find out if you are eligible you need to go on to the Cumbria County Council website and click on two year funding and fill out the form.

We also offer sessions in the school holidays from 9am to 3pm for £20 per session. If you are interested then please call us on 01697925035. We are still offering our drop off and pick up facility for those interested, again give us a call on the number above. Our working hours are usually 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday 50 weeks of the year. Any questions please get in touch (01697925035).

Jackie

Dear Buzz,

My partner and I recently visited Silloth, staying over on a Caravan site. We enjoyed the town very much but would like to give particular thanks to the three charity shops we went into. All the staff were very friendly indeed. Thanks to all of the town though, for a nice break. Work permitting we will try to get up for the Carnival! Nice time.

Shaun and Nicole
Manchester

Dear Buzz,

The Causeway Head WI meeting in February was open to visitors and so members of The Silloth Sewing Circle among others decided to go along. The presentation was one of crafting with speakers Judy and Mike Lees who brought along many of their creations and explained how their enthusiasm for the work had come about after their retirement. It was a very lively and enjoyable meeting and thanks must go to the ladies of the WI for opening their doors to all. Also: I called in at St Andrew's Hall one Wednesday during Lent and enjoyed some delicious mushroom soup prepared by Pete Stimson's own fair hands, one of three flavours of soup on offer I believe. Grandson William accompanied me and we thoroughly enjoyed our lunches. There were a number of folk there and the atmosphere was friendly and welcoming, we were plied with second helpings plus drinks of tea, coffee or soft drinks followed by a seemingly endless supply of biscuits, on other days there's also cake to be had. The event is held usually on a Tuesday each week, but throughout Lent is being held on Wednesdays too. It's well worth a visit and nothing is charged for the food, but a donation is always welcome.

Jennifer Bailey

Poem

The Village Hall
Joan Bennett

The Villagers got me second hand in nineteen fifty one,
I've stood in Mawbray ever since, in rain, snow, or sun,
I started life as a simpleton, a prefabricated shed,
I'm smarter now, modernised, I'm now streets ahead.
Many things have been added, to my sad empty shell,
A nice big stage, with curtains, I'm starting to look swell,
A powder room for the ladies, a toilet for the gents,
A store room and a kitchen, I'm getting compliments.
What is most important, are the people that I host,
It's impossible to say, which of these, I like the most,
The children in the playgroup, folk in the pantomime,
The bowlers or the dancers, they all have a good time.
I've hosted balls and concerts, all are entertained,
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You don't have to be at school here to send a bee to us. If you are here on holiday we would love to receive your bee drawing. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to the Buzz, our address on page 10.

This month the winner is Naomi Bell from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee drawing called "Cupcake Bee".

Well done!



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On the Water Front

Report by: Captain Slog

January 2016

9th. Wilson Almeida from Riga with fertilizer, then in ballast to Bromborough. 18th. Celtica Hav from Rostock with wheat, then in ballast to Kilroot. 26th. Ajos G from Antwerp with fertilizer, then in ballast to Ayr.

28th. Wilson Hella from Ayr with part cargo of fertilizer, then in ballast to Birkenhead.

February 2016

21st. Helen Anna from Bordeaux with wheat, then in ballast to Belfast.

25th. Zapadnyy from Bremen with molasses, then in ballast to Klaipeda.

Solway to Ireland Shipping Services (Part 1)

Regular readers of this column will have seen an article in which I described the early paddle steamers and screw ships that plied between the Solway ports and the major port of Liverpool, which began in 1825, two years after the opening of Port Carlisle. One of the two main shipping companies that operated the Solway to Liverpool services was the Carlisle & Liverpool Steam Navigation Company, with their three paddle steamers the 'Solway', the 'Cumberland' and the 'Newcastle'.

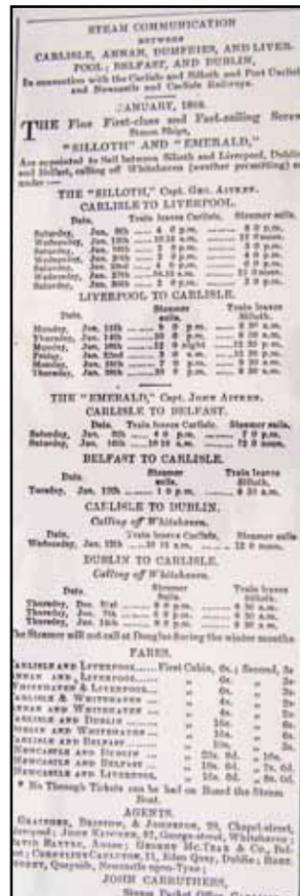
In 1838, this company used one of those ships, 'Solway', to open up a new weekly service from the Solway ports to Belfast, calling at Annan, Whitehaven and Ramsey in the Isle of Man. All went well with this service until 1841, when en-route to Belfast, the 'Solway' struck a sandbank off the Scottish coast and was wrecked. Fortunately, all 200 persons on board were saved, but there was talk of the vessel being overloaded. Another steamer, 'Maid of Galloway' then took up the service, supported from time to time by the steamers 'Cumberland' (until 1850) and the 'Prince of Wales'.

When the dock at Silloth was nearing completion, the services to Ireland moved to this facility, which had a direct railway link to the city of Carlisle. In 1856, the Silloth Bay Steam Navigation Company (SBSNCo) was formed, in anticipation of shortly

being able to offer services to Liverpool and Ireland. By the middle of 1857, the pier at Silloth Dock was completed sufficiently to allow these services to begin, with a ship called 'Emerald' undertaking the routes from Silloth to Belfast and Dublin. This service departed Silloth to Belfast on a Saturday,

calling at Douglas (IoM) during the summer months and returning on Tuesday. Then on Wednesdays she sailed from Silloth to Dublin, calling off Whitehaven.

In 1860, the SBSNCo introduced the 'Cumbria' on a twice weekly service to



Poster for 'Emerald' and 'Silloth' 1858

Belfast, but by 1861, sailings to Belfast ceased due to lack of business. In 1862, this vessel had left British waters and was reportedly being used in gun-running for the Confederate forces in the American Civil War!

In 1862, the North British Railway Company (NBRCo) took over the business operations of the SBSNCo, who were in financial difficulties, then in 1864 the SBSNCo was finally purchased by the NBRCo.

During the 1860's, several ships in succession were employed on the Silloth services to Dublin and

Belfast, including the 'Silloth', 'Ariel', 'Waverley' (1), which was found to be mechanically defective after two trips, the 'Waverley' (2), 'William McCormack' and the 'Prince of Wales'.

A survey by the NBRCo in 1866 proved that the Solway services to Ireland



The 'Caledonian' of Ardrossan Shipping Co. on the 'Dublin Berth' in the New Dock in 1886. Astern of her lies the 'Albatross', on the 'Liverpool Berth'

were financially loss-making, whereas the services to Liverpool were making a handsome profit. It was no surprise then, that in 1868, the Silloth to Dublin via Douglas service and the steamer 'Silloth' were sold to the Belfast company 'R. Henderson & Sons', who managed to continue that service for a while. In 1870, they replaced the 'Silloth' with the smartly fitted screw steamer 'Countess of Eglinton'. However, in the early hours of 14th July 1871 and in thick fog, the ship which was returning from Dublin, was wrecked

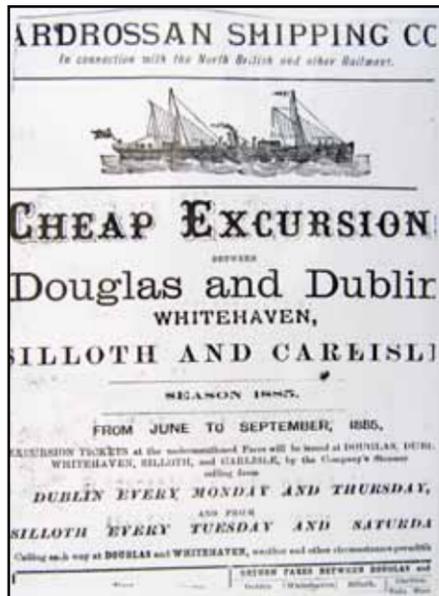
on Langness Point on the Isle of Man. All 50 passengers were saved but sadly there was a considerable loss of the livestock being carried on board. 'Henderson & Sons' then chartered the vessels 'North British' and the 'South Western' from the Ardrossan Steamship Company to continue the service. It appears that 'Henderson & Sons' was taken over around 1875, by the Ardrossan Steamship Company (ASCo), who advertised that their ships 'Caledonian', 'Midland', 'North British' and the 'South Western' would now operate from Ardrossan to Belfast and Dublin, calling at Silloth and Douglas IoM en-route.

Yet another tragedy was to befall the Irish service. On 19th July 1879, the steamer 'North British' was badly off course when inbound to Douglas IoM in poor visibility, and was wrecked on rocks off Laxey Bay. All the passengers were saved and later continued their journey to Ireland aboard the 'Caledonian'.

The service from



Poster for the 'Ariel' in 1862



Poster for Ardrossan Shipping Co. 1885



Poster for services to Dublin, 1879

Ardrossan to Ireland, calling at Silloth and Douglas continued through the 1880's, the last ship of that company on that route being the 'Caledonian', a ship which also took part in the Silloth New Dock opening ceremony in 1885.

In a future issue of 'On the Waterfront', I will detail the continuation of the Silloth to Dublin service, when it was taken over by a ship called 'Yarrow'.

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The Soldiers Return

Soldiers in Silloth museum has been closed all winter for some major structural repairs and re-decoration.

It is hoped to re-open for Easter. The community World War 1 exhibition has now closed but will be replaced with major new exhibits as the year goes on.

Meanwhile the museum drew some national attention when part of Tim Barker's collection of soldiers was exhibited at a gallery in London as part of a promotion of IKEA display cabinets. A thousand soldiers joined collections of comics,



Lego, Beatles memorabilia owned by Cumbrian writer Hunter Davies and various other obsessions to celebrate Britain's collectors. To see a "Telegraph" reporter's take on

Tim and collecting in general try googling "an eccentric British obsession".

The museum management are still looking for volunteers to welcome

visitors during holiday periods. If you would like to get involved please call Margaret Pickering on Silloth 33068 or Tim on 31246.

Bromfield and District Horticultural Society OPEN SPRING SHOW

Saturday April 23rd 2016

Schedule of Classes SECTION 1

Class

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2. Daffodils (trumpets shorter than petals) 3-5 cut stems.
3. Miniature Daffodils - 3-5 cut stems.
4. Large cup narcissi - 3-5 stems.
5. Narcissi with small cup - 3-5 stems.
6. Double narcissi - 3-5 stems.
7. Miniature multi headed narcissi/daffodils - 3-5 stems.
8. Miniature daffodils growing in a container - 3-5 stems.
9. Daffodils growing in a container - 3-5 blooms of single variety.
10. Miniature daffodils growing in container - 3-5 blooms of single variety
11. Mixed Daffodils no more than 8 stems in vase
12. Tulips- 3-5 cut stems of single variety in vase.
13. Dwarf tulips - 3-5 cut stems of single variety in vase.
14. Tulips in container - 3-5 blooms of single variety.
15. Spring bulbs or corms in vase, preferably single variety.
16. Spring bulbs or corms in container, preferably single variety.
17. Any spring bulbs in novelty container.

SECTION 2

Class

18. Photograph - spring bulbs and/or corms.
19. Photograph - My Garden.
20. Picture in any medium of plants normally in flower in spring.

NB Photographs to be unmounted and no larger than 10 x 15cm in size

SECTION 3

Class

21. Pot of Auricular, Primroses or Polyanthus.
22. Pot of any Alpines.
23. House plant either flowering or non-flowering.
24. A vase of not more than 3 stems of flowering shrub(s) (in flower)
25. Wallflowers in vase or pot (multi-coloured)
26. Pot of Heather(s) in flower.
27. Vase of flowers not included in other classes.
28. Bonsai
29. 5 Pansy or viola blooms in vase

SECTION 4 (Children's section)

Class

30. Childrens art in any medium of spring garden or spring flowers.

For any other information please contact Lynn on 07732 012659

Silloth RNLI Yellow Wellie Trail



During 1st to 5th May follow the RNLI Yellow Wellie trail.

Posters of Yellow Wellies will be displayed in several locations in

Silloth. Clues for the trail will be £1 per sheet available on 1st May from the RNLI shop, Winters, Little Gems, Mrs Wilson's, Solway Village and

Stanwix Park. Completed answer sheets to Little Gems in Station Road. RNLI Hamper for the winner.

Poem

Well, Silloth did it and made a liar out of me

SNOW
Mrs Jennifer Bailey

*WE HAD SOME SNOW IN SILLOTH,
I know to my delight,
I built my snowman (fairly small)
And had a snowball fight.*

*The children had their sleds out,
Or plastic bags or trays
And everywhere there was a slope
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*The snow it didn't stay so long,
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Harlequin Choir Concert

Report by: Don Graham

One of the casualties of the storms and flooding last December was the annual Harlequin Choir Christmas concert in aid of the Silloth RNLI Fundraising Branch.

We are pleased to announce that the Harlequin Choir will return to Silloth for the first ever performance of their newest repertoire 'Songs From Films And Shows'

The concert will be held in Christ Church Hall, Solway Street, Silloth on



Friday 1 April commencing at 7pm.

Entrance is £4 per adult including light refreshments.

There will also be a room raffle.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Silloth 1st Scouts

Report by: Jen Henderson

On Saturday 6th February Silloth 1st Scout Group took their cubs to Blackpool Pleasure Beach to celebrate cubs being 100 years old.

It was closed to the public and there were over 9,000 cubs there to join in with the celebrations. Despite the rain and cold all Silloth cubs and the leaders had an amazing time and even took part in the world record of singing 'if you are happy and you know it!' For 5 minutes!

It was an amazing atmosphere and experience

and we were very proud at how well our cubs behaved.

A special thank you to our parent helper Kate Hodgson who kindly offered to spend the day with us and help with the kids.

If anyone would like to join Silloth beavers, cubs or scouts we meet every Tuesday night during term time. Please contact Jen Henderson, Tania Irwin or Andrew Stanley for more details.



Silloth Seagulls AFC

Report by: Mr C Gull

January and February proved to be a very productive couple of months for the Seagulls as they maintain their unbeaten run in the league and progressed to a cup semi-final.

The Seagulls passed a tough test as they ground out three points against a determined opponent on a rock hard, snow covered pitch.

It was the first match for Silloth in a month and it showed as we fell behind to an early Bransty goal and had only the efforts of our custodian (débutante Luke Stockdale) to thank for keeping the deficit down to one. The tide began to turn once the Seagulls upped the tempo and Adam Carr grabbed a deserved equaliser before the break. Silloth were now creating the majority of the chances and man of the match Andy Hardman capped a superb display with the second half winner, while at the other end the commanding presence of Dan Foster and Stuart Johnson were on hand to snuff out any Bransty threat.

Another hard earned three points followed for the Seagulls in yet another match played in less than ideal conditions. Silloth won the toss and decided to play with the aid of the gale force wind in the hope of putting the match to bed by half time. That they did thanks to four goals in 45 minutes from Kris Nichol who put on a masterclass of centre forward play as he partnered the returning Andy Hinde up front. In the second half the Seagulls fared much better than their opponents had playing against the wind; controlling possession, creating chances and thanks to some fine saves from Luke Stockdale restricting Whitehaven Amateurs to a solitary goal. Man of the match was a much deserved Kris Nichol with youngsters Jamie Dixon and Nathan



Seagulls in the snow

Gray showing the future of the team is in safe hands. Final score was Silloth 4 Whitehaven Amateurs 1.

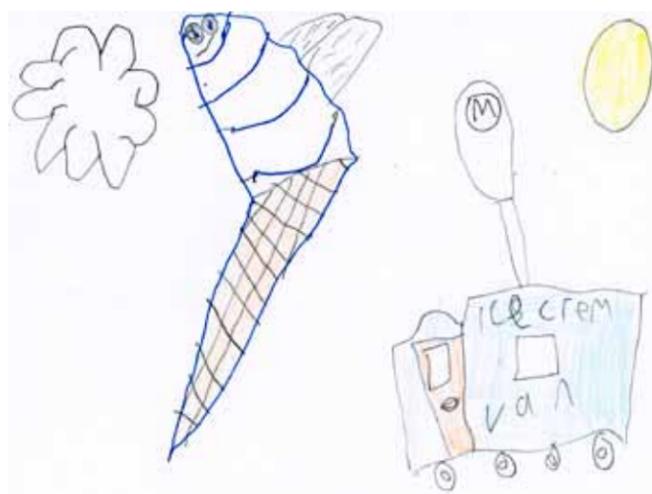
The Seagulls were outstanding as we beat a strong Cleator Moor Celtic Reserves side 5-2 in the Divisional Cup. This was by far the most accomplished performance of the season from Silloth and every player should be extremely proud of their efforts that resulted in an outstanding display of slick passing football. We had a goal of the season contender from Andy Hinde who calmly finished off a sublime team move. Red-hot striker Kris Nichol picked up where he left off last week and bagged a first half hat-trick to leave Silloth in control of the tie. Dean Barton added the fifth with his first ever goal for the Seagulls, an instinctive volley from the edge of the box which capped off a second half in which Silloth were the dominant force. Picking a man of the match was no easy task for manager Liam Wilson but in the end it deservedly went to Stuart Johnson who was immense at the heart of the Seagulls' defence alongside skipper Dan Foster.

Unfortunately, the Seagulls could not capitalise on this performance and were knocked out of the Divisional Cup the following week losing 2-1 at Bransty. The hosts coped much better with the extremely heavy pitch and Silloth could have no complaints when they found themselves two down at the break. In the second half the Seagulls finally got to grips with the conditions and began to put real pressure on the opposition's defence. Kieron Carr went very close with a couple of headers but Silloth's solitary goal came when Reece Blake slotted home a Carl Lightfoot cross in the 80th minute. Man of the match was skipper Dan Foster who was like a rock in the heart of defence. Also great to see the return of young Greg Ramsay who ran himself

into the ground as our lone striker.

The Seagulls made amends for the previous week's shock loss at Bransty in emphatic style by sweeping aside the West Cumbrian outfit 9-1 to reach the semi-final of the Conway Cup. Back on home soil Silloth looked to make a fast start to the game and did just that thanks to an early goal from Lewis Mulla. However the Seagulls inexplicably took their foot off the gas and when they were pegged backed to 1-1 at half time another shock was on the cards. Manager Liam Wilson rang the changes at the break and Silloth were back firing on all cylinders. Three goals in the first five minutes left the Seagulls in total control of the tie and with their high pressing, passing game in full flow they blew the opposition away with a total of eight unanswered second half goals. Man of the match Lewis 'the Bull' Mulla added three more to his tally (including a left foot curler into the top bin), Kieran Little got one and Adam Carr a brace. Reece Blake also scored two including the pick of the bunch when he calmly swept the ball home from 12 yards to finish off a superb team goal which optimised the quality of football Silloth played in the second half.

The Seagulls put in a workman like performance as they beat Whitestar 3-0 at home to maintain their unbeaten start to the league. Silloth never got out of first gear but had more than enough in hand to win the match comfortably thanks to one goal from Kieran Little and a brace from Andy Hardman. Skipper Dan Foster and man of the match Stuart Johnson where rock solid at the heart of defence to ensure the Seagulls' goal was never under serious threat. This victory leaves Silloth nine points clear at the top of Division One after ten games and in a fantastic position as we reach the business end of the season.



Ice Bee by Cameron Rudd from Silloth Primary School

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Abbeytown Archers



Since its beginning back in March of 2015, the club has grown to over 40 members now. Thanks to a grant we were able to buy a lot of equipment, thus allowing everyone to participate in Archery without any expense other than modest session fees.

For the indoor (winter) season, we were given permission to use the hall in Holme Cultram Abbeys CofE School, the hire fee proving a valuable income for the school. Junior sessions run from 6pm - 7:15pm and Adult session 7:15pm - 8:45pm on Monday evenings.

From Monday 4th April (weather permitting) the club returns to Abbeytown Recreational field, where a sign on the building there proclaims it as our 'home'

Should the weather prove too wet, then we are able to move back into the school,

rather than lose the session.

This summer will see the inauguration of a member's competition, with medals available for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in various styles of Archery. We have Compound, Recurve, Horse, Flat and English Longbows coming along. Due to the large area at the Recreational field, everyone is welcome to shoot from 6pm to 8:45pm or end of light in the early weeks of spring. We have toilets and refreshments are available.

There is an invitation to Rosley archery club to visit us for a friendly competition, and Maryport Archers have extended an invitation for Abbeytown Archers to go along to their venue for a friendly competition. Also a Field shoot is planned for April, where members can shoot at 3D (foam) animal targets set in woodland.

Last year the club was

represented at the official opening of the Recreational facility, and rubber tipped arrows were shot at balloons, everyone who took part received a small prize, and we raised over £50 for the Air Ambulance. We also ran a free 'have a go' session during the schools sports open day, with club members being busy all day due to the popularity of Archery. The emphasis is always on having great, safe and enjoyable fun for all the family.

Visitors can attend three sessions before needing to join as members, and annual fees are from £5 to £12, with session fees at £1 - £3 and only £5 for a whole family. Why not come along and have a go, you will be made very welcome.

All enquires are welcome and may be made to the secretary: Mr Frank Reed on 079 679 62621.



Abbeytown Indoor Bowling Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

Plumbland Indoor Bowling Club were the visitors to Abbeytown Village Hall in January welcomed by Michael Faulkner.

The usual format of 5 ends for 4 games before supper was played and Abbeytown were leading 21 to 16. The supper was served and the raffle winners were Tony Dixon, Brian Thwaites, John and Joan Eilbeck and Jeff Irving from Plumbland Norman Dainton and Michael Faulkner from Abbeytown. The close games continued after the break and the finishing result was Plumbland 35 to Abbeytown 38.

John Eilbeck thanked Abbeytown members for a lovely supper and friendly evening.

Bolton Low Houses members were the visitors to Abbeytown Village Hall in February and Michael Faulkner welcomed everyone.

The usual format of 5 ends for 4 games before refreshments was played and at half time Bolton led 23 to 14. The Grand National game was played and the winners were Glynis Exclely, Vera Petrie, Elisabeth Sewell and Eva Wilson from Bolton and Norman Dainton and Audrey Harrison from Abbeytown.

The second half continued in the same way with Bolton winning 46 to Abbeytown 26.

John Chester thanked Abbeytown members for a lovely supper and friendly evening.

Solway Saints Netball Team

Report by: Lindsey Whitham

Unknown to some who live in Silloth, Silloth has had its own netball Club and Team that has been running now for many years. It has changed over the years and started as a session to get adults back into netball. Back to Netball has since become a big thing not only in the county but the country. Check the latest information at www.englishnetball.co.uk.

This year our Silloth team is called Solway Saints, this is now their second season and they are doing extremely well. The team are in the second Division and play on Monday nights at venues in the Workington area.

Below are some of the matches played since the start of the season (October) October: Saints V Grapes, Won 60 - 5 Saints V Joey's Girls,

Won 51 - 12 Saints V Live Wires, Won 48 - 12 November: Saints V Revels, Won 53 - 20 Saints V Hotshots, Lost 55 - 19 Saints V Ashfield, Won 36 - 29 December: Saints V Live Wires, Won 54 - 11 January: Saints V Hotshots, Lost 38 - 15 February: Saints V Ashfield, Lost 33 - 12 Saints V Grapes, Won 34 - 23

The team are doing incredibly well so far this year. Well done to the Solway Team; Tiffany Alderson, Pamela Armstrong, Zoe Matthews, Zoe Blair, Alex Jefferson, Ellie Scott, Danielle Cross, Kerry Knowles and Ruth Hope and Tabitha Graham.



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