

## Buzzin' Letters

Dear Buzz,

During the next few weeks many committees throughout the region will be working on plans for next summer's festivals, regattas, carnivals, vintage rallies and other outdoor events, many of which may include the release of a mass of balloons to see how far they may go. All very colourful especially when released.

Right now awing down and across the Atlantic wonderful animals are about to head this way in the form of Leatherback, Loggerhead and Green Turtles and after this tremendous sea journey many will perish by ingesting balloons that have come down in the North East Irish Sea.

One such visitor, a very rare Green Turtle only the sixth ever recorded in British waters since records began in 1748, came into our survey area and perished by feeding on a balloon in mistake for a jellyfish.

We do not wish to be spoil sports but can we not enjoy ourselves without putting these long distance marine warriors at such peril?

Norman Hammond

Dear Buzz,

Hole in One.

Frankie Tough of Sunnyhurst, Barracks Bridge, made a Hole in One on the 9th Hole at Silloth Golf Course last month.

Frank has been playing golf since he was knee high to a grasshopper and he says this was his first hole-in-one!  
Well done Frank, and so say all of us.

Noeline Le Barre

Dear Buzz,

As a local resident of Silloth I would like to express my enjoyment of seeing the effort many local's have made in decorating their houses and gardens.

I myself am wheelchair bound. Without the help of my sister Sandra, who came for me to see the switching on of the lights I probably would not have seen them. Also my brother Eric and his wife Evis came for me in the car and took me all round the town. Skinburness, Silloth and the Lees. The places were beautiful. A lot of work, effort and expense must have gone into this, making the town look like Xmas. It must be very difficult to pick a winner I know I couldn't.  
Well done everyone, it makes me proud to be a Sillothian.

R Dixon

Dear Buzz,

Last season I spent endless hours in the evening listening to older caravanners telling me stories about Silloths' past connection with the aerodrome, of the aerodromes connection with the "Dam Busters", of how the many young pilots lost their lives in their quest for training, of how the shifting sands off Silloth came to be know as "Hudson Bay". I was told that the planes returning to their base, from practising over Scotland ran short on fuel and several crashed into the sea. To be told that my caravan was berthed on one of the many huge turning circles, of the small church yard on the Wigton Road that is now home to many young Polish pilots/airmen. I was told of the elevated gun turrets housed not far from my caravan, wading through tall weeds you come across a part of history that will make the hair on the back of your neck stand proud. Many an early morning cigarette outside my caravan would be disturbed by the wild hares/rabbits that roam the Solway Village Caravan Park, I would stand and ask myself, are these the spirits of the gallant airmen that once inhabited this place.

Older caravanners would tell me when they came to Silloth after the war on holidays of how they played in the hangers as kids, and could see writings on the hanger walls relating to the airmens training. I know there is a museum of sorts near the school, but I don't know if there is any mention of the past with the aerodrome other than the books on display in the window of the tourist information shop. Assuming these storeys are true, if only Silloth could do something about them, bring them to life. Silloth would then have to prepare for the onslaught of tourists (that's if you want them). hoteliers, guest house owners, b&b, prepare that extra space, shops make way for the onslaught of customers. If what I was told is true, then you can spend many a happy hour thinking of it. If however I was led up the garden path then Santon Bridge is the place for those story tellers.

Tony Gray

Dear Buzz,

Thank you to the people of Silloth, the Cumberland Inn, all my work mates at Cavaghan & Gray on night shift and all the local factories who sponsored me when I did the 2002 Cumbrian Run. I raised £510 for Chrysalis Day Centre at Wigton, and hope I get the same support when I do this years Cumbrian Run plus the Great North Run and try to beat last years times of 2hours and 5mins. plus 2hours and 12mins.

David Bell

Dear Buzz,

**Solway School Fund-raiser**

The recent fund-raising event held in Solway School was a Flower Demonstration by John Dalton, the evening was made even more enjoyable with the choir singing a few songs and John's many humorous tales.

On behalf of the 'fund-raising group' I would like to thank everyone who supported and helped that evening. The money raised will go towards something that will benefit all the children in the school.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next fund-raising event - watch this space...

Lesley Hope

## Arthritis

A one day course for people with arthritis is being run in Silloth on Wednesday 19th February from 10am to 3pm at Pennine View Social Centre.

Twenty places will be available on a first come first served basis, lunch will also be provided.

To book a place please contact:- Pat Ackred on 01900 325013 or Margaret Snaith on 016973 32423 a.s.a.p.

Last date for booking is Friday 14th February.

## Christmas Prize Draw



Mr. Stewart Henderson, of Silloth, was the winner of a Cranstons hamper in the Free Christmas Prize Draw at the Silloth branch of the Cumberland Building Society.

The Branch Manager, Mrs Jackie Murray, presented the prize which you could win if you asked for a mortgage quotation between the beginning of November and 15th December 2002. A couple from Kendal won first prize, which was a JVC entertainment package, including a TV, DVD player and a video recorder.

Buzzy  
by  
Sophie Irene Thompson  
aged 7  
from  
Silloth Primary School

