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Silloth Receives Bees' Needs Award



Lord Gardiner presents the Award to Vivian Russell on behalf of Silloth in Bloom

Silloth Town Council are proud to announce that the Heritage Rose & Bee Garden on Silloth Green has won a Bees' Needs Award.

The Award is run in conjunction with Defra and the National Pollinator Strategy. The Award is presented to Green Flag Award or Green Flag Community Award winning parks and green spaces in England that have made improvements to encourage pollinators across towns, cities and the wider countryside. Silloth Green has been awarded a Green Flag for four years in succession. The coveted award is a benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in the UK.

It recognises that the Green meets the extremely high standards set by Keep Britain Tidy.

Habitat loss is a key factor affecting pollinator population and this award is looking to increase awareness and contribute to improved pollinator-friendly environments. Applicant sites are required to prove that they are making positive changes to their green spaces that encourage and increase pollinator-friendly habitats and food sources throughout the year.

A panel of experts selected winners, with the top five projects being presented with their Award at a special event which took place at Kew Gardens,

London on Tuesday 8th November. Vivian Russell attended the Bees' Needs Champions event on behalf of Silloth.

Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth said "This is a fantastic achievement for Silloth and is a continuation of the achievements of recent years. None of this would have been possible without teamwork. Vivian has led the project, with support from the Town Council's grounds maintenance team and other volunteers. The Bee Hotel was a novel idea for a seaside town and replicates the Pagoda up on the hill which overlooks the sea. We always welcome visitors to the town

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BeesNeeds Local Authority Category

Silloth Green has a manicured garden that provides a winter home for pollinators such as bees and butterflies. There is also a Victorian pagoda bee hotel, which offers pollinators shelter from the windy coast, as well as a home.

Silloth Green
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Celebrating 150th Edition

This is the 150th edition of the Solway Buzz since the first issue came out for August 2001.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the whole community. There are over sixty volunteers delivering the Buzz, many more contributing articles and photographs, not forgetting the advertisers, without whom there would be no money to print the paper. Many of the volunteers and advertisers have been supporting the Solway Buzz for the full fifteen years since the paper was launched.

Thank you to you all.

The End of a Wonderful Story

'On the Waterfront' was started by Ships Pilot Bill Amyes using the pen name 'Tommy Legs' where he supplied the shipping details for the month, often with the addition of a nice little story relative to the workings of the Port of Silloth. The first edition was for issue 6, March 2002 and Bill kept supplying articles every month until he retired with the last of his articles going into issue 99, Oct/Nov 2011. A wonderful commitment. Many thanks Bill.

Issue 100, December 2011 was the start of a new era when the first article was submitted by 'Captain Slog' where, in addition to the usual shipping report he told the story of the Tommy Leg lighthouse at Silloth and why Bill Amyes had adopted that name as his nom de plume. This turns out to be very apt, because in this 150th edition, December 2016, the article is about the lighthouses on the Solway with very interesting facts about Lees Scaur Lighthouse, commonly

known as 'Tommy Legs'. Since then 'Captain Slog' has supplied a seemingly never-ending monthly story relating to the sea, the Solway, and the Port of Silloth, all full of amazing facts and detail and photographs. In short, he took the article to a totally new level.

Unfortunately, all good things come to an end. Captain Chris Puxley (retired Silloth Harbour Master) has run out of articles to submit so this is the last of his entries. Things will never be the same again.

Hopefully, the team at Silloth Docks will keep supplying the shipping movements to the Solway Buzz, so, the 'On the Waterfront' articles will continue, without the wonderful stories we have all grown so used to.

Do you have any stories from the past you want to submit? Articles from 500 to 1,000 words on any subject will be very welcome. Please send them to the Buzz.

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but the Bee Hotel provides visitors of the insect variety with a place to stay too."

The sunken Heritage Rose Garden was created in 1953 to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Measuring 30m by 20m, it lies close to the sea, protected for the most part by a shelter belt of rhododendron and holly. The garden was renovated in 2012 but by mid 2014, many of the roses were failing due to poor drainage caused by compaction in the underlying clay base. Rectifying the drainage would still have left the problem of rose sickness, requiring the replacement of tons of earth. This led to a complete rethink of the garden. Silloth Town Council decided to bring the garden into the 21st century and address pressing concerns over the welfare of our bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects, while at the same time preserving the history of the site.

The garden has now been entirely replanted with bee and butterfly friendly plants, including 40 roses which attract bees and withstand the wind blowing off the sea where the garden is exposed.

Rose hedges divide the garden into four sections: garden plants for bees facing the sea, wild flowers for bees facing the Arcade, butterfly plants facing the Green, and a decorative vegetable plot around hazel wigwams with a double row of dahlias.

The roses were planted in cardboard boxes using fresh soil, as this is the best method of dealing with 'rose sickness'.

In the middle of the garden is our Bee Hotel, a replica of the Victorian Pagoda at the top of the wooded hill above the Splash Pool, built by the Silloth Green Maintenance team. The sunny side facing the Green is dedicated to nesting sites for solitary bees, the other three sides serve as winter hibernation and shelter for all the insects which we hope will visit our garden.

Interpretation panels have been installed with more detail about the



garden, the types of bees and butterflies it is planted for, and info on the life cycle of bumblebees, honeybees and solitary bees.

As the new Bee Garden began to flourish and the bees, bugs and butterflies began to arrive, word spread and local people began to develop interest. Word soon spread beyond Silloth too, and people of all ages travelled from many different locations to visit the garden. The garden's creator Vivian Russell, has spent many hours talking to them, discussing the different species of bees, bugs and butterflies, as well as the many different plants in the garden.



The Bee and Bug Hotel provides nesting sites for solitary bees and a dry place for butterflies, moths, beetles, ladybirds, lacewings and earwigs to shelter and over winter. Each insect has a role to play in a garden and we rely on the diversity of plants and creatures to help the garden function as a natural balanced ecosystem with no attempt to control or interfere with their lives.

The garden has become a place where everyone can come on a sunny day, sit on the grassy bank, on one of the many benches, or on their mobility scooters and watch the beauty of nature

at work.

Bill Jefferson OBE, Chair of the Parks Committee and Chair of Silloth in Bloom Community Team said "I am delighted that Vivian's major creation of the Silloth Bee Garden has received national specialist success, coming on top of the Royal Horticultural Society tributes from this year's judges at Cumbria and National level. It has been an outstanding personal



achievement for all her hard work and professional dedication. Well done and all our thanks."

In the 2016 Cumbria in Bloom competition, the Heritage Rose & Bee Garden was a winner of the Royal Horticultural Society 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Award, gaining a Level 5 'Outstanding' result. The Heritage Rose and Bee Garden was also winner of the Royal Horticultural Society 'It's Your Neighbourhood' National Certificate of Distinction.

Vivian Russell was recognised for her 'Outstanding contribution to Cumbria in Bloom' with a 'joint' Community Champion Award, which acknowledges all the hours she has spent working on the Heritage Rose and Bee Garden, planting of the flower beds and planters on Criffel Street and supporting the various Silloth in Bloom projects this year.

Pensioners Coffee Morning

Report by Pat Froggatt

On Saturday 3rd October Silloth Pensioners committee held its monthly coffee morning at the Recreation Hall off Eden Street. Thank you to all those who attended this event. Unfortunately numbers were down due to other events taking place on the same morning.

For those who did attend a good time was had by all. The various stalls were well supported as was the raffle. Scones and jam were available together with a selection of biscuits. Coffee and tea were served by the volunteer committee members, and everyone appeared to have a good time with plenty to talk about.

The raffle was drawn and the following were the lucky recipients of prizes: Jean Graham, Enda Cavely, Mary Bragg, Joan Lamport, and Mary Eccles. Once again thank you to all those who supported us.

On Saturday 5th November a Coffee morning was held at the Recreation hut off Eden Street and the committee were pleased to welcome so many of our regulars and also a number of visitors. The usual stalls were available, the highlight of the morning was the visit by Eve who had brought along her fashions which she displayed for all to see. Many of you made purchases for which she was very grateful. The items on show were skirts, trousers, and tops in various designs and sizes - a really good selection.

Buttered scones and rum butter, together with the usual coffee, or tea if preferred were available. The raffle, as usual, was well supported. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and particularly those meeting with friends to catch up on all the latest news and gossip.

The lucky winners of raffle prizes were: Elaine Johnson; Jennifer Ostle; Diane Wallace; Mary Eccles; Margaret Gate; Jean Clifford; Eileen Reeves; Jean Graham; and Graham Wilkinson. Thank you all for coming along and making it a successful morning.

SOSCS Donations

Report by Pat Froggatt

Silloth on Solway Charity Shop met recently to distribute money to worthy causes in Silloth.

The lucky recipients are:

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Silloth Festivals Ltd	£500

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Silloth Carnival Committee

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Total Donations

£5,800

This is all made possible by the generosity of those who donate to the Silloth on Solway Charity Shop and the many hours of free effort the team put in to keep the shop open and the stock in good order.

Also, of course to the many people who love to shop there and get some wonderful bargains.

Let's face it, this is an all round win, win, win situation for all involved.

Let's all keep up the good work.



Newspaper Bee by Ethan Silloth Primary School

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Santas Grotto

Bank Mill Visitor Centre at Mawbray are having a Jurassic Christmas Experience this December complete with Santas Grotto.

Come and meet the Dinosaurs on Jurassic Island set in a Winter scene.

Father Christmas has set up his Grotto on the Island

for children to meet him and receive a present.

It is open the first three weekends in December between 12 noon and 3pm, entrance is £5 per child, which includes a gift from Santa.

Booking is advisable on 01900 881340.

Abbeytown MU

Report by: Gladys Temple

Brenda Sim welcomed members of St. Michaels Workington MU, and speaker for the evening Pauline Mole, to the September meeting. Freda led the prayers assisted by Maureen Gibson reading the Overseas Members prayers. Apologies were received from Elsie Donald and Margaret Thompson then the minutes from Elaine Atkinson and the treasurer's report from Anita Norman.

AQ letter was received from Balmoral Estate thanking us for the donation to the Queen's Birthday Appeal. Members were reminded about the Outing to the Clyde Valley and on 17th December Carol

Singers around the Village.

Pauline was introduced to entertain us with her own poetry and she began by telling us she was not good at grammar. Her maiden name was Peacock and she spoke of the differences between that and her now name of Mole. There were funny poems as well as lots of variety from Lakeland Calendars. Companionship, no friends, Mam and Dad, Mams Wedding Ring, finishing with a Poem for Peace.

Gladys Temple thanked her for a lovely mixture to keep everyone entertained. A lovely supper was enjoyed by all and Workington members thanked Abbeytown for a lovely evening.



Jungle Bee
by Corey Hoodless
from Silloth Primary School

Bridge Over Bubbled Water

Report by: I.F. Dhunitt

On Joe Crow's tenth visit to Australia his daughter and son-in-law Karen and Darren Markley decided to give him a special treat, taking him to the bustling city of Sydney. Although Karen and Darren have lived ten years in Perth (Western Australia) it was also their first visit to Sydney.

The three of them flew from Perth to Sydney (4½ hours) in mid October and stayed a few nights mid week in a hotel close to the famous Darling River. On Wednesday 12th October they decided to do the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb. They were in a party of ten plus their guide, along with them were three Aussies, two from New York and two Chinese students.

They wore special safety equipment and set off on a daunting climb which included 1,400 steps reaching a height of 2,000 feet, with many stops for drinks of water and photographs. The all steel bridge is connected by six million rivets. Afterwards Joe said if you can't stand heights, do not do it.

Later they took a tour bus to the Sydney Opera House and on to Bondi Beach. Joe said it was an awesome experience.

After getting back home they went to an International Rugby League match in Perth on Saturday 15th October, seven of them watched Australia beat New Zealand 26-6 in front of a record 20,384 crowd. They had their photos taken beside the World Cup which Australia are the holders and they defend the cup next year in Australia.



Darren Markley, Joe and Karen Markley climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge



Having photos taken with the Rugby World Cup after the Australia v New Zealand match

Earlybird Tickets

The Silloth Music & Beer Festival dates are from the 7th to 10th September 2017 and Earlybird Tickets are now on sale from Winters Newsagents, Carnegie Theatre, Workington or Ticketweb.co.uk for just £45 for the four days.

The headliner acts will be announced shortly along with details of deals which will be available from the Stanwix Holiday Park and Solway Holiday Village.

As always the beerfest, which is run entirely by volunteers for the benefit of the town, is looking for more helpers. Watch future issues of the Buzz for dates of their meetings, all are welcome to join in and help.

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Rotary Dialect Competition

Report by: Geoff Betsworth

On October 8th the Rotary Club of Silloth held its annual Cumbrian Dialect Competition.

Once again it was very well attended with nearly a capacity audience crowding into the Golf Hotel to enjoy hearing ten competitors from all over the county recite poems and tell tales in their local dialects. Subjects ranged from childhood memories of 1920's Hayton to the joys of cycling and the frustrations of brambling.

All pieces were newly composed by the presenters, showing that dialect is still very much alive.

While the judges made the difficult decisions on who should receive the awards this time, a number of the contestants and some of the guests contributed more pieces to keep the entertainment flowing.

The judges on this occasion were Mark Green of Cumbrian Newspapers; John Cook, President of the Rotary Club and many-times World's Biggest Liar



Most Humorous Winner Dick Gargett

and local farmer John Graham.

The winners were:
Best Newcomer – Louise Green of Ireby
Most Humorous – Dick Gargett of Stainton
Best Overall –

Willy Studholme of Wigton.

Sadly there were no entries in the under sixteen years category, although Cumbria Young Farmers also hold a dialect competition, so hopefully the "twang" is still evolving.



War Declared Against Leaves!

Allerdale Borough Council has waged war on leaves, in efforts to help prevent localised flooding and blocked drains.

From now through to January, the Council is making a special effort to prioritise the clearing of leaves from gullies, roads and pavements.

The Council has already identified target areas which in the past have been areas of concern. These will be cleared on a regular basis. In addition, the Council's contractors FCC will work

with the local flood action groups and parish and town councils to get information on where there are problems with fallen leaves. A hit squad of cleaners will then go out and clear problem areas.

Members of the public can also report particular problem areas by going online to www.allerdale.gov.uk/report.

To cope with the extra demand FCC is to change work patterns to ensure the leaves are collected in time.

Michael Heaslip,
Executive member

with responsibility for Community Services said: "Nothing beats the beauty of a tree in Autumn as the leaves change colour – especially in our area. However, once they are on the ground they can be a major problem – blocking the tops of drains and diverting water towards properties."

If highway drains are not flowing correctly and backing up, then customers should contact Cumbria County Council on 0300 303 2992 or online at www.cumbria.gov.uk to get them unblocked.

Causewayhead WI

Report by Pat Froggatt

On Wednesday 12th October Causewayhead WI welcomed Tim Barker ably assisted by Margaret English to see a slide show on their visit to Peru. They were introduced by President, Margaret Durham although they didn't really need any introduction as they were well known members of the Silloth Community.

Tim began by giving the reason for his participation in this trip. He knew that Margaret loved South America and had told her that if she ever went to Peru he would like to make the journey with her as he was interested in the Inca's. The whole visit was professionally arranged with an experienced guide to accompany them and porters to assist with their equipment and luggage.

The journey started when they arrived in Lima, from where they travelled to Nasca. Nasca is an area derived from the Nasca culture. It stands in a tropical forest. From there they travelled to Cusco crossing the dessert and the Pan American highway. The photographs of both areas were stunning giving us all a taste of the diversity and beauty of the Peruvian countryside. The main aim of the journey was to climb to the ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu - this is where the porters were essential. At all their stopping points tents were erected for their comfort overnight. The pictures of the ascent to the city were breathtaking and in some cases, frightening. Once they reached their goal, it was an amazing sight - and



I imagine well worth the effort and the various health problems they suffered!

Everyone in the room thoroughly enjoyed the show. This visit also raised money for the Great North Air Ambulance.

The vote of thanks was given by Frances Jackson who expressed the feelings of everyone.

Competition for a Teddy Bear: 1st Mona Kent; 2nd Jean Graham
Flower: 1st Frances Jackson; 2nd Mona Kent
Wild Flowers: 1st Margaret Durham; 2nd Jean Graham
Raffle: 1st Jean Carr; 2nd Val Lodge

On Thursday 10th November Causewayhead WI held their monthly meeting and were welcomed by President, Margaret Durham. The meeting started by singing Jerusalem and followed by the General business of the evening.

The President then introduced our guest speaker, Steve Doyle, who gave a talk and slide show on 'Butterflies in Cumbria' a subject he is very passionate about. Steve began by explaining about the Association to

which he belongs whose aim is to preserve and identify all the butterflies seen in Cumbria, some of which are an endangered species. He began the slide show by showing the first butterflies to appear in April - this was the Orange tip butterfly and explained that the male butterflies have four legs and the female six legs. As he was showing a total of 40 butterflies it is obvious that it is not possible to name them all in this report. However here are a few. The Brimstone is not normally seen further north than Kendal; the Comma was first seen in Cumbria in 1991; the High Brown Fritillary is extinct in every county but Cumbria; the Mountain Ringlet which likes to be high up in the mountains of Cumbria whilst the Ordinary Ringlet prefers lower areas. The Painted Lady which most of us recognise is originally a native of Morocco. The Scotch Angus is only seen in Scotland and Cumbria.

The whole afternoon was a delight and the slides displayed the stunning colours of these amazing creatures which many of us take for granted.

A Vote of Thanks was given by Val Lodge after an extensive question and answer session. Thank you Steve for such an enjoyable afternoon. Competition for anything associated with Butterflies was won by Pat Bell, second was Jane Allen. Flower competition was won by Mona Kent who was also second.

Wild Flower competition was won by Pat Froggatt. Raffle - 1st Jean Carr; 2nd Jane Allen.

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She is Simply Outstanding

Danielle Cross has won Outstanding New Teacher of the Year Award which is a tremendous achievement – Solway Community College are very proud of her! The awards evening was held at Carlisle race course on Saturday 8th October with 250 guests. Winners were kept secret and announced on the night. Miss Cross was shortlisted from a long list of nominations and was chosen as the winner partly because the judges felt she has achieved a huge amount aged just 23!

Since she arrived at school two years ago Miss Cross has been a dynamic force both on and off the netball court. Almost all the girls (and some of the boys!) play netball regularly which is a testament to her enthusiasm. Miss Cross said she was surprised and overwhelmed to win. She had not intended to go into teaching, but like many in the profession, once in a school it's impossible to imagine doing anything else! There is no doubting her energy and commitment to



Outstanding New Teacher of the Year Winner Danielle Cross the school and everyone is encouraged to take part in PE. The school has supported Dani to achieve her qualified teacher status which was completed at the end of the summer term. I am sure this is the beginning of a very successful career – well done, Dani.

RNLI Rescue Fishermen



Report by: Sue Kent
RNLI Press Officer

Silloth and Workington RNLI lifeboats along with Maryport Coastguard team were tasked to a 45ft fishing vessel disabled between Silloth and Borron Point with two crew on board, the vessel had mechanical problems and was dragging its anchor towards the shallow waters of Blackshaw Bank.

Silloth lifeboat was first

on scene and established a tow to prevent the vessel from drifting into shallow water. The vessel was safely towed away from danger while awaiting the Workington All Weather Lifeboat to arrive on scene.

The Workington crew then took over the tow and took the vessel to Maryport Harbour arriving some two hours later, with the assistance from the Coastguard team the vessel

was safely moored.

Steve Henderson, Senior Helmsman said "The size of the vessel was a problem, we could only tow them very slowly and prevent them from grounding which would have made the situation much more serious."

Ironically the crew were attending a charity fundraising Fish and Chip Supper for the RNLI in Silloth Cafe when the call came.

Don't Let Fire Kill in Your Home

Fire Kills campaign urges everyone to test their smoke alarms every month

Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, as part of the Fire Kills campaign, is urging people to test their smoke alarms after national research showed that only 28% of all households who own one test them on a regular basis.

Mark Ducie, Community Safety Manager of Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service said: "You're at least seven times more likely to die in a fire if you don't have any working smoke alarms. However, in the UK only 28% of the people who own an alarm say they take the time to test it at least monthly."

Nationally there were 229 fire-related deaths in the home last year. The Fire Kills campaign hopes that by encouraging everyone to test their smoke alarms more deaths could be prevented.

Mark Ducie added: "I'd encourage people in Cumbria to make sure you test your

smoke alarms today and get into the habit of testing them each month as they can save you and your family's life. In the event of a fire, working smoke alarms will give you the valuable time to get out, stay out and call 999."



The campaign is running for one month across outdoor, print, digital, social media and radio platforms to raise awareness during the winter months when there is an increase in fire-related incidents and deaths.

To help keep you and your loved ones safe Mark Ducie offers these simple steps:

· Test your smoke alarms now or when you get home

· Make sure you fit smoke alarms on every level of your home and test them monthly, even if they're wired into the mains.

· Whatever happens, never remove the batteries in your smoke alarms unless you are replacing them. Some require new batteries every year.

· Plan and practise an escape route and make sure that everyone in your home knows it.

· In the event of a fire, get out, stay out and call 999.

· Test others smoke alarms

who are unable to test their own

If you are concerned about your smoke alarms or would like a home safety visit then please contact Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service on 0800 358 4777 or visit our website:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/cumbriafire/services/safetyathome/default.asp

Anagrams Quiz

The following five anagrams are names of places within our local area. Can you work them out?

1. SYLOGOLDHI =
2. HPOLTEU =
3. YEBKALKDC =
4. BYRA =
5. NOBOEGLC =

You will find the answers on page 15. No cheating now!

£60,000 Funding

Cumbria Community Foundation is calling for community groups in West Allerdale to apply for a share of £60,000.

Funding is available to projects promoting sustainable use of energy and resources, reducing climate change, and supporting nature conservation through the Robin Rigg West Cumbria Fund.

Set up by energy company E.ON to benefit communities close to the Robin Rigg offshore wind farm, the grants have helped eco projects promote sustainable living.

Earlier this year, Friends of Siddick Pond received £15,000 to improve the conservation interest of the site, behind Dixons department store in Workington. Thanks to the cash, work to improve the visitor facilities has also taken place, including

working with local schools to design an exhibition for the bird hide.

Annalee Holliday, Grants & Donor Services Officer at Cumbria Community Foundation, said: "Since the fund was established in 2009 it has awarded more than £350,000. The fund is of real value to the local community, supporting local voluntary groups and charities and enabling residents to continue to build on their vibrant and thriving communities."

Successful groups can expect to receive £1,000 – £15,000 funding. Applications are now open until Friday 16th December 2016. To find out more about the Robin Rigg West Cumbria Fund visit www.cumbriafoundation.org or contact Annalee Holliday on 01900 82470 or email annalee@cumbriafoundation.org.

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Blencogo Produce Show Results

Linda and Judith would like to thank everyone who supported Blencogo & District Village Hall Produce show this year, it was an amazing day. There were entries from Abbeytown, Silloth, Fletchertown, Aspatria and Wigton. We would like to give thanks to: Our Judges who had a difficult time in deciding the winners as all the entries were amazing.

To all our sponsors who donated prizes for the Grand draw.

To everyone who helped on the day making it such a success.

The Solway Buzz and the Parish Magazine for advertising our event, as without their support we would not reach as many people as we do.

Winners on the day:

Bromfield Parish Cup for flowers:

1st Lynn Downham
2nd joint Liz Cozens, Enid Thompson and Mary Douglas
3rd Bill Henderson

Harry Douglas Fuchsia Plaque:

Bill Henderson

Tom Carrick Cup for Kitchen Garden:

1st Stella Graham
2nd Liz Cozens
3rd joint Carole Storey and Stuart Jones

Ferguson Salver, for Bakery:

1st Linda Wood
2nd Molly Harrison
3rd Liz Cozens

Bromfield Village Hall Trophy, for Children:

1st Joint Tabitha Hearn,



Phillippa Harrison, Isabella Harrison and Sophie Ferguson.
2nd Joint Chloe Durnberger and Scarlet Wilson.
3rd Joint Daniel Graham and John Jo

High Aketon Trophy, for most points in show.

Liz Cozens.

Winners of the Grand raffle:

- 1 £50 - Rosie Mann
 - 2 Vouchers for Wheyrigg Hall - Ebony
 - 3 MOT voucher for Stan Palmer-R Martin
 - 4 Voucher for Haigh's Butcher-A&M Riddick
 - 5 Voucher for Beauty Box- Paul Scott
 - 6 Cumbrian food hamper- A Studholme.
- A profit made on the day



£718.50 in aid of the village Hall and Playground funds.

Once again a great thank you for your support.

Anyone wishing to take part

next year and would like a programme please contact: Linda 07538 027936 or Judith 07790 827567



Waver Wine Circle

Report by: Stuart Jones

Our final outing of the year on 28th September was again organised by Chris Russell. Numbers were somewhat depleted due to other commitments, but what a great success our visit to the Rheged Centre turned out to be. We went to see the "Go Herdwick Calvert Trust Public Art Trail 2016", where 108 beautifully made and decorated ewes and lambs were being exhibited. It was magic to admire the many hours of work which must have gone into decorating these delightful animals.

The sheep and lambs are to be auctioned by H&H in a Grand Gala Auction at the Low Wood Bay Hotel to raise money for the Calvert Trust towards the development of a new rehabilitation centre for people with acquired brain injury.

We also went to view the art section where the public are able to vote for the Cumbrian Artist of the Year. Opinions on this section varied widely.

Thanks Chris for a very imaginative outing.

To start our 'Winter Season' nine members met, with apologies from Chair Bill Henderson and Chris and Sue Russell, who are again exploring Nepal.

Graham Stukins, our Vice Chair, welcomed everyone to an evening of 'Call My Bluff'. Members brought along three bottles of wine, with the origins of the bottles concealed. Other members then attempted to guess the origin of the wines after tasting and choosing from three differing descriptions.

Points were then given for the correct answers, resulting in a triple tie between Vera Wilkinson, Graham Stukins and Rod Bray. Congratulations.

As last year's Xmas Dinner was such a success we have decided to return this year to the Wheyrigg Hotel on Friday 9th December.

Many thanks were extended to Chris Russell for arranging superb outings again for this year. The 'Go Herdwick' exhibition at Rheged, which raised approx £250 for the Calvert Trust, was the outstanding favourite. This month's draw prize was donated by Sue Russell and won by Rod Bray.

Further discussion followed with suggestions for 2017 outings which will be passed to Chris for consideration.

Our November meeting found two of our members, Vera Watkinson and Greta Edwards, in hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

As our Chairman, Bill Henderson, was on hospital duty Vice Chair Graham Stukins ran the evening's proceedings. He welcomed everyone and corrected October's Minutes, Vera Watkins having been referred to as Vera Wilkinson. He also apologised for omitting to welcome Rod Bray to the Circle.

The evening's Beer Tasting then got underway, with a great variety brewed from all over the UK. Graham was the runaway winner with his 'Traquair - Bear Ale' brewed in Scotland with 5% volume. Runner up was Chris Russell, with Rod Bray, Sue Russell and Stella Graham tying for third place.

Thanks to Stella for providing nibbles and organising the raffle, which was won by Rod for the second month running. He asked for a re-draw which was won by Jan Jones.

Our December meeting will be our annual Christmas Dinner at the Wheyrigg Hotel on Friday 9 December, 7pm for 7:30pm start. Please bring a raffle prize. Graham thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9:05pm. For information about Waver Wine Circle contact Stuart Jones on 016973 61006.

Christmas Concert



The ever popular Harlequin Choir returns to Silloth again for their concert of Christmas songs and carols on Friday 2nd December.

The concert is in aid of the Silloth Fundraising Branch of the RNLI and will be held in Christ Church Hall, Solway Street, Silloth commencing at 7pm. The concert will blend popular old favourites from previous performances with some of many songs added to the choir's repertoire in 2016.

There will be a Christmas themed room raffle and RNLI Christmas cards and 2017 calendars will be on sale. Entrance is £4 per adult with seasonal light refreshments provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

RNLI Christmas Cards

Please support our dedicated Lifeboat crews this year by purchasing RNLI Christmas cards.

A wide variety of designs are available and packs cost between £3.95 and £4.50. This year's cards are available from the following outlets. Little Gems, Silloth, DA Harrison, Silloth, Allonby Tea Room, Gladrags and NatWest Bank both in Wigton. All the profits from the sale of these cards go directly to the RNLI.

The Silloth Lifeboat station shop also stocks a more extensive selection of Christmas cards and a wide selection of items suitable as gifts/stocking fillers.

Current opening times for the Silloth RNLI shop are noted in this edition of the Buzz.



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Free Boxing Day Buses!



Heritage Boxing Day free bus services to help flood hit town

Building on previous years efforts, Workington Transport Heritage Trust have announced their free Boxing Day bus routes which will this year for the first time extend to Silloth and Skinburness. Trust volunteers provide these community services as part of their charitable aims.

On Monday 26th December, buses will run service 60 from Skinburness and Silloth to Allonby, Maryport and Workington.

Workington Bus Stn stand E	9.10	11.10	1.10	3.10
Flimby	9.20	11.20	1.20	3.20
Maryport	9.30	11.30	1.30	3.30
Allonby	9.40	11.40	1.40	3.40
Beckfoot	9.48	11.48	1.48	3.48
Silloth Eden St	10.00	12.00	2.00	4.00
Skinburness	10.10	12.10	2.10	4.10
Silloth Eden St	10.15	12.15	2.15	4.15
Beckfoot	10.25	12.25	2.25	4.25
Allonby	10.35	12.35	2.35	4.35
Maryport	10.45	12.45	2.45	4.45
Flimby	10.50	12.50	2.50	4.50
Workington	11.00	1.00	3.00	5.00

These will leave Skinburness every 2 hours from 10:10am to 4:10pm. Return trips from Workington are every 2 hours from 9:10 to 3:10 as shown in the attached leaflet.

We hope to use one of our restored Workington-built Leyland Nationals on this service which will give people an opportunity to get out and

about when the normal 60 service doesn't run.

Also running will be service 35 from Workington via Seaton, Camerton, Broughton Moor and Great Broughton to Cockermouth and Slatefell. These leave Workington bus station every two hours from 8:40am to 4:40pm.

Trust Secretary Alistair Grey says, "For the first time, we are able to give the residents of Silloth and along the coast the chance to get out and about on Boxing Day. Our heritage buses and volunteer drivers will be putting in 8 to 10 hour days to provide these heritage services. We know that people appreciate the service that we provide as several hundred passenger journeys were recorded last year. We are grateful to Stagecoach for the use of Workington bus station, and to local Councils for their valuable support"

RNLI Fish & Chip Supper



Report by: Margaret English

What a great evening on Friday 14th October in the Corner Café, Silloth.

Fifty folks enjoyed fish and chips with beer and wine; while making boats by folding paper and then having a go at a quiz sheet. The first prize in the raffle was won by Alison who provided a real welcome for

everyone in her café. The Silloth and District RNLI Fund-raisers would like to thank everyone who joined them including many of the crew to raise £311.20 on the night. A lovely evening which concluded very abruptly while clearing up afterwards as the crew was called out on a SHOUT. Fortunately, the fishing boat that had

broken down on the Scottish side was kept from going a ground by the Silloth lifeboat and the Workington lifeboat helped to bring the boat to safety.

Our thanks to Alison and her staff for making the evening so successful and to Eddie for organising the beer and wine. A repeat next year!!

Report by: Jennifer Bailey

The Fish Supper at The Silloth Café had been delicious. Everything was finished and folk were drifting away, some still standing about chatting to friends and generally saying their farewells, when suddenly, there was a thunderous pounding of feet and shouts of "Get out of the way" as the Lifeboat crew on call all started to receive alarms on their "beepers." They grabbed coats and hats and ran out of the room whilst we all stood and stared. There was a "shout" and they were off like lightning down to the RNLI Station to launch and go.

I grabbed my coat, 'phone and husband and hotfooted

Another view of the event

it (well hot-tricked it) down to the RNLI station at the bottom of Lawn Terrace. By the time we arrived, the lifeboat had gone and nothing was to be seen. We went inside the station and waited until messages were heard on the radio to say what was happening, it seemed that a fishing boat was in trouble at Southernness and assistance was needed to steady the vessel until the Workington Lifeboat arrived, which would then tow the boat back to Maryport.

It was the first time I'd been in the right place at the right time to see the Silloth Lifeboat crew spring into action, it was both breathtaking and heart-

stopping, thinking that an enjoyable evening could change so quickly, with the potential to be so hazardous. We waited until we saw a pinprick of light in the inky blackness of the Solway and, as it grew bigger and bigger, we realised that the Silloth Lifeboat and all her crew were safely returning.

The Lifeboat returned at 10:30pm approx., having been out for over an hour. The trailer was driven down the slipway and, in one attempt, the lifeboat was reversed on to it, everyone thankfully, safe and sound. The crew on board and those on hand to help, began to clean and tidy the boat in readiness for the next "shout."



Banksy Bee by Jade Fearon from Silloth Primary School



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Silloth Nursing Home gets the Gold Standard for Quality Care, Again! Plus, they are: Care Home of the Year 2016



Matron Anne Blair and Sister Linda Faulder proudly holding the awards

Residents and staff are celebrating at Silloth Nursing Home following their success at the recent Gold Standards Framework Conference held in London at the end of September.

The GSF Centre provides training in End of Life care for staff across the country and to be GSF accredited Care Homes have to achieve 20 quality standards (ranging from leadership and support to dignity and respect) to give residents the best care right up until they reach the end of their lives. The highest level award for this programme is the Beacon award and

re-accreditation takes place every three years.

Silloth Nursing Home has achieved this status now for the third time in the nine years that the GSF has been part of the Home's way of life.

In addition to collecting the Beacon award, Silloth Nursing Home was also the recipient of the GSF Care Home of the Year 2016 from a national short list of seven homes. The judges commented that "it is clear that they have something significant and significantly different to offer as best practice

to the field, addressing all aspects of end of life care and demonstrating a commitment to person-centred care for residents and their families in innovative and compassionate ways.

Matron Anne Blair and Sister Linda Faulder paid tribute to all staff at the Home. A special thank you was given to Silloth Group Medical Practice and to all those who have sent, messages of congratulations and support. Finally it has been both an honour and a privilege to bring this prestigious award back to Silloth.

A Letter from the Mayor

What a wonderful year Silloth has enjoyed.

Last month we saw the airfield engulfed with a massive bonfire, spectacular firework display and funfair attractions enjoyed by thousands of residents and visitors. This attraction is now well and truly embedded on the Silloth annual event calendar alongside many other extremely well-supported events in the town.

This year I have received an incredible amount of compliments, about how good, enjoyable and varied the events have been on the Green and in the town, how the addition of "Victorian-style lights" along the edge of Silloth Green and general floral improvements have improved the Town.

My thanks go to all the event organisers, committees, Silloth Town/Green staff, local residents and businesses who make up a truly resilient community of people who have worked extremely hard to make



this Town "Cumbria in Bloom's", Best in Borough, Best Coastal Resort in Cumbria and Silver Gilt winner in the Coastal (up to 12k population) category in the national Britain in Bloom competition, plus all the other numerous awards they have won for this great town.

My thanks must go to Bill, Vivian, Anne and their helpers for the commitment and energy they have tirelessly endured/enjoyed by working in the community to achieve the highest of standards in these local and national competitions making Silloth well and truly a local and national tourist attraction.

The "Gold Standard" and "Beacon Status" awards for Best Care Home in the Country awarded in London to Silloth Nursing Home is another fantastic accolade for the town and my personal thanks go to all the staff who do a truly fantastic job looking after our aged relatives Thank you.

Christmas lights around the Town and Santa Claus visiting on his sleigh will bring what has been a truly amazing year for our Great Town to a rewarding end Or, of course, it could be just the beginning....

Thank you all for your continued support.
Cllr Tony Markley
Mayor of Silloth-on-Solway



Catastrophic Bee by Cameron Rudd from Silloth Primary School

Don't Eat Alone this Christmas

Free Christmas dinner to anyone who needs one. There is no need to be alone on Christmas Day. Complimentary Christmas Dinners will be served at Silloth Cafe from 12 noon to 2pm on the 25th December. Alison Henderson is letting us use her establishment and John Smart is chef. Any donations from local businesses will be gratefully received.

For any enquiries please telephone Jackie McCormick on 07769 225050.

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Running David Raises £1,404



Photo by: Margaret Spence

Report by: Jennifer Bailey

Mr David Spence of Silloth has, on the 2nd October, completed The Cumbrian Run in Carlisle in 2 hours and 4 minutes, raising over £1,404 for The MacMillan Cancer Trust.

The run, which took place from Carlisle Castle to

Sheepford Mount Stadium, was an arduous route, which passed through Cumwinton and Wetherall. David said that it was the support of people watching the race, which helped to spur him on to the finish where his wife Margaret and niece Katherine, together with

friends were waiting to congratulate him on his efforts. The cheque received from the Cumberland Building Society in Silloth, where the donations received so far, have been saved, was given to David to present to the staff at the MacMillan Cancer Trust shop in Silloth.

Conservatives Meet in Silloth



Cumbria County Council Conservative members hosted a full day meeting seminar at Silloth on Solway Golf Club on Friday 21st October.

The Mayor of Silloth on Solway, Cllr Tony Markley welcomed CCC conservative members, prospective future council candidates, guests, Sajjad Karim Conservative European MEP for the North West, Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall and Lord Henley from Carlisle.

As local CCC member and shadow portfolio holder for Highways, Environment and Economy representing Silloth and the Solway Coast, Tony took an active role in the day's proceedings by chairing the morning speakers, question and



Mayor Tony Markley with Sajjad Karim MEP
feedback sessions. Thanks go to Silloth on Solway Golf Club for hosting a great venue.

Rural Burglaries Warning!

The purpose of this message is to inform you of a recent spate of burglaries from rural farms and outbuildings in the Allerdale borough and Allerdale rural area.

Did you see or hear anything suspicious? Your information could be extremely important.

In light of this please could you ensure that vehicles and machinery are secured in a locked shed or garage with all the windows and entrances secure. The keys to the vehicle are secured away from the building in a discreet location and not easily accessible after immediately

entering the house.

If you witness any suspicious behaviour, vehicles or individuals please report it to the Police or Crimestoppers and be alert to any similar behaviour.



For information, security tips and to consider

becoming involved in farm watch please visit: www.cumbriafarmwatch.co.uk/

In view of that we invite you to do the following:

1. To contact the Police on 101 if you see anything or anyone you considered suspicious around the time of the incident.
2. To be alert for similar crimes and report any suspicious behaviour.

Finally, if we can be of any assistance whatsoever, please ring CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555111, your call is free, or contact any Police officer.

Beware Fraudulent Emails

There is a phishing email currently in circulation that claims to be from the City of London Police. The departments that it claims to represent include the 'Fraud Intelligence Unit' and the 'National Fraud Intelligence Bureau'. The email is titled

'compensation fund' and has a letter attachment using the City of London Police logo that claims to be offering financial compensation to victims of fraud. The letter states that in order for compensation to be arranged, the receiver of the email should reply disclosing personal information. It states that HSBC and the South African Reserve Bank have been chosen to handle the compensation claims. All of these claims are false.

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Don't Risk It!

Leaving mobile phones charging and electrical appliances on unattended overnight or whilst out of the home is an increasingly frequent cause of accidental electrical fires.

Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service has produced some simple tips to reduce the risk of electrical fires in the home to help householders and all of their loved ones remain safe:

Never leave appliances unattended – don't turn the dishwasher or washing machine on just before you leave the house or go to bed.

Ensure that mobile phones are not left charging for long periods of time.

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standards.

Don't overload plug sockets

Don't leave portable heaters switched on and unattended – this is particularly risky when children and pets are running around and likely to knock things over

And make sure you have at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home and test them monthly.

Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service would like to encourage everybody to help keep their whole family safe by taking simple steps to improve the electrical safety in their homes that will help prevent fires and the devastation and upset that they can cause.



Silloth Christmas Lights Switch-On


Sunday 4th December
4pm-6pm Silloth Green





Live Entertainment, Funfair
Santa's Grotto & Stalls in Silloth
Cafe

Ben Bee
by
Joshua
from
Holme St Cuthbert School



Copy Date ➔

Copy date for the January issue is: **1st Dec 2016**

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

Please let us know of any changes within this section

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.

NatWest Mobile

The NatWest mobile van will be outside Silloth Community Centre on Mondays from 1pm to 2:15pm and Fridays from 9:45am to 11:30am.

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

Bridge Group

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

Slimming World

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

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Abbeytown Library

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

Production Team

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When sending articles in, please supply a contact name and number in case something requires clarification. Published by: Peter McRobert with the support of the whole community and an army of volunteers.

Dates for the Diary

November

- 25th Free Legal Advice in St Andrews Hall, Solway Street, 10am to 4pm from Butterworths, see advert
- 26th Bazaar/Santas Grotto in St Andrews Church Hall from 10pm to 12 noon
- 29th Organ Recital in St Andrews Church at 7pm
- 30th Prize Evening at Solway Community School, 7pm

December

- 2nd Harlequin Choir in Christ Church Hall at 7pm, £4
- 3rd Santas Grotto in Jurassic Xmas Island at Bankmill Visitor Centre from noon to 3pm. £5 per child Booking: 01900 881340
- 3rd Children's Crafts, Christmas cards in St Andrews Church Hall from 2pm to 5pm in St Andrews Church Hall
- 3rd Pensioners Christmas Party at Stanwix Park, entertainment by Stevie Las Vegas, buffet tea at 4pm, tickets £6, Tel: 016973 31927 see advert
- 4th Santas Grotto in Jurassic Xmas Island at Bankmill Visitor Centre from noon to 3pm. £5 per child Booking: 01900 881340
- 4th Silloth Christmas Lights Switch-On with Live Entertainment, Funfair, Santa's Grotto & Stalls in Silloth Cafe from 4pm to 6m
- 5th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

December cont'd

- 10th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am
- 10th Santas Grotto in Jurassic Xmas Island at Bankmill Visitor Centre from noon to 3pm. £5 per child Booking: 01900 881340
- 10th Children's Crafts, Presents in St Andrews Church Hall from 2pm to 5pm in St Andrews Church Hall
- 10th Wigton Theatre presents Aladdin by Pat Conlan
- 11th Santas Grotto in Jurassic Xmas Island at Bankmill Visitor Centre from noon to 3pm. £5 per child Booking: 01900 881340
- 11th Wigton Theatre presents Aladdin by Pat Conlan
- 13th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome
- 17th Santas Grotto in Jurassic Xmas Island at Bankmill Visitor Centre from noon to 3pm. £5 per child Booking: 01900 881340
- 17th Santas Grotto at Holme Cultram Abbey from 2pm followed by Carol Singing around the Village with Santa Claus from 5pm, see advert
- 18th Santas Grotto in Jurassic Xmas Island at Bankmill Visitor Centre from noon to 3pm. £5 per child Booking: 01900 881340
- 25th Christmas Lunch for the lonely in Silloth Cafe noon to 2pm, all free of charge

January 2017

- 14th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am
- 20th RNLI Quiz Night in Mrs Wilson's at 7:30pm, Entry £5 per person, teams of 4 pre-book: 016973 31155

February

- 11th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am
- 21st U3A meeting at All Hallows Community Centre in Fletchertown. Tel 016973 49943

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

RNLI Shop

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November
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Indoor Bowling

Mondays from 10th October until the end of March from 7pm to 9:30pm in Abbeytown Village Hall

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Where to Find Festive Cheer in Allerdale

- Saturday 26 November** Maryport Christmas festival and lights switch on
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- Sunday 4 December** Silloth lights switch on
- Sunday 4 December** Keswick Victorian Fayre
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- Saturday 24 December** Christmas under The Hub in Workington, seasonal family entertainment

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Have you cloths you don't wear - don't like or don't fit properly? Come along to Silloth Sewing Circle on a Thursday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm at St Andrews Church Hall opposite the Co-op. We will teach you to alter and make cloths and furnishings for the family. Just £2 and you get tea/coffee and biscuits.

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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 Call in for a friendly chat

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Opening hours are 9am to 3pm on a Tuesday and Thursday, when a member of staff would hope to be present. Other Room usage is subject to fulfilling certain criteria and must be arranged and pre booked. Contact numbers: Silloth 016973 31509 Wigton 016973 43870 Aspatria 016973 23401

Your Letters

Dear Buzz,



Marion Graham

I would like to thank my lovely family and friends for my 80th beautiful birthday week, for all my lovely cards, four birthday cakes, for the lovely surprise supper at the Pentecostal Church, they all baked or brought something. Penny and Peter made me a beautiful cake, I am so blessed to have such caring people at our church.

I was also treated to a cream tea at Armthwaite Hall, it was out of this world. I was given two beautiful cakes by my daughter, one was made by Berry's bakers. On the Saturday all my family came, there were about eighteen of us, we were booked in at the Golf Hotel, we had a lovely hot meal, everything was so nice.

I am so lucky to have my family they could not do enough for me. I have a lovely daughter-in-law who since April has taken me to many hospital appointments, one overnight. When I came round in hospital it was Tracy who was sitting by my bed. Over the years I have come to think of Tracy more than a daughter-in-law she has done so much for me. I have a lovely caring daughter who lives a long way away, who has been quite ill. Thank you so much to all my family. God Bless,

Marion Graham (Mam)

Dear Buzz,

I would like to thank the young lady and gentleman of the First Responders who came and saved the life of my wife Denise on the 23rd of September before the ambulance arrived. These people are very valuable members of our community. Yours faithfully,

Richard Purnell

Dear Buzz,

I wrote to you recently about the shelter in the car park opposite the conveniences and you provided the Town Clerks response. True to her word the shelter is back in use, fully refurbished, "Brownie Points" for Wendy Jameson!

G.M. George

Dear Buzz,

Whilst walking along the front at Skinburness on 9th October, I took some apples from a basket that a homeowner was giving away free. Thank you for the Bramley apples and your generosity.

From a Barnsley visitor

Dear Buzz,

In a box of books donated to the S.O.S. Charity Shop, I found a very old book at the bottom, wrapped in a piece of leather. There was a signature on the front, the date 1816 and the name of a farm. With the aid of the internet, old census records and telephone calls I managed to locate the farming family who were very keen to see the book. They had no knowledge of its existence. The book was a history of South Lakes, Westmorland,

farming, industry and geology. I sent the book and received a thank you and an invitation to visit next time we were in the area. The farm has been in the same family since records began. We also received a donation for charity which was sent to the Air Ambulance, as it was thought this is something that will benefit both Silloth and Kentmore.

The book will now remain with the farm as a reference to its passed history. We have no idea how the book came to be in Silloth.

Margaret Copley
S.O.S. Charity Shop

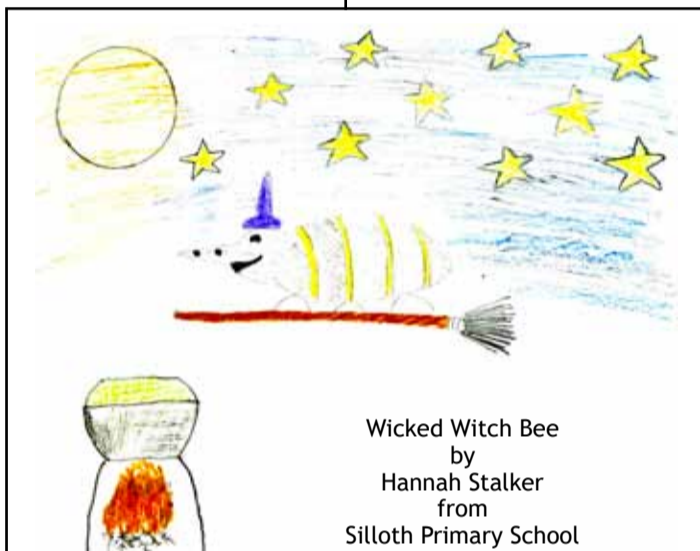
Gossamer Threads
by Penny Stimson

Where have the years gone,
Where did they go.
They went by so quickly
I wish they'd gone slow.

A blink of an eyelid
A moment in time
Gone by so quickly
But, they were mine.

I wish I had tarried
Enjoyed each event,
Savoured the splendour
In what heaven sent.

But now there's just gossamer
Threads in a breeze,
Blown on the winds
Of age's raging sea's.



Wicked Witch Bee
by
Hannah Stalker
from
Silloth Primary School

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Help to deliver your community paper in
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Poems

This is a poem from the trenches

It is for Remembrance Day

All You Mothers
by: Andrew Bennie

This is a son's love from the trenches
Dear mother as I lie here with death all around
People lying face buried in the ground
I try hard to think of places back home
And of people I knew and places we would roam

I think of my friends when we sat and talked
And it was by the river
Where my darling and I we kissed and walked
Please tell me what I am doing here
Does God want me to kill
Must I carry on
Please mother, can you make it stop
Or has it got to go on and on

Can no one see the harm they are doing
The husband, mothers, sons, and uncles
Their lives are in ruins
These men will never ever be the same
Is there no one out there can feel the shame
They are weary, tired, and drained
As they walk like zombies
Through the bodies, blood, muck, and rain

The explosions stop you lay back and draw a sight
It's time to clean up this terrible mess
And listen to grown men cry
It's the cry for help to ease their suffering and pain
For these men whose bodies will never ever look the same

Then there is the wagon that collects the dead
There's no time for feelings
Just throw them on
By legs or head
As it moves to the end of the trench
It's wheels getting rutted in the dirt
What a smell as the blood oozes out
Through the holes in their shirt

The blind and maimed they are tied onto the cart
They walk with no meaning as if they had no heart
Their toes stick out of the side of their boots
Their arms just dangle like flowers with no roots

One after the other they just trudge along
There's always one who tries hard to sing a song
What is he singing or best why
He does not know don't stop him
For he's better singing than starting to cry

It won't be long before it starts all over again
Till bombs fall from the sky like pouring rain
It's then we start to shake with fear
As bits of bodies start falling near

Oh mother how I envy you your nice warm house
I have always got thoughts for you little mouse
He will be tucked up nice and warm
Waiting patiently for a new day to dawn

Me I will lie in this muddy grave
Hoping that someday I will be saved
An angel will come and take me away
I will be taken to God's house
Where I will stay

So my dear mothers each night as you go to bed
Spare a thought for me in your head
I will always remember when I kissed you
And said goodbye
When you think of me mother
Take a long hard look towards the sky

I will be the brightest star than can be found
As they lay my body to the ground
No more will my loud laughter ring out
For my dearest mother my burning light
Has just been blown out
I love you mother

Least you ever forget

The day we died for you

God bless one and all

Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered Polo Shirt 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 page 10 and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered Polo Shirt 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. 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 Ellis Mattinson from Silloth Primary School with a bee drawing called "Fishing Bee".

Well done!



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Report by: Captain Slog

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 13th Zapadny from Bremen with molasses then to Klaipeda
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20th Furness Abbey from Barrow for Channel Survey then back to Barrow
 26th Fri Ocean from Antwerp with fertilizer then to Swansea

October 2016 Shipping
 5th Zapadny from Dunkirk with molasses then to Klaipeda
 12th Burgtor from St Nazaire with wheat then to Belfast

16th Wilson Grip from Klaipeda with fertilizer then to West Cork
 26th Torch from Barrow for United Utilities outfall beacon work

31st Eems Solar from Ghent with fertilizer then to Birdport

Upper Solway Lighthouses

East Cote Light House was established in 1841, as a navigational aid for shipping proceeding to and from the quays at Annan and Port Carlisle. It initially shone a red light out over the Solway. It was manned for many years by Silloth man Edward Dalglish. Later maintained by the Silloth Port Authority. Although sited at a fixed position for most of its life, in the 1850's it was reportedly placed on a short trackway so that it could be moved to shine a light down the latest navigable channel, whilst in transit with the Silloth Pierhead lighthouse. The shape of the wooden structure has changed little over the years, receiving a major overhaul in 1997. It currently shines a fixed green light down the Silloth approach channel.

Lees Scar Light House is located on a shallow outcrop of hard clay, (scaur or scar), to the south west of Silloth Docks, it was commissioned in 1841 as part of the suite of navigational aids for vessels trading to and from Annan and Port Carlisle. It was and still is maintained by the Port of Silloth. Various old charts indicate that it shone a white or a red light. It was equipped with a fog bell. For a while it was manned by a keeper called Tommy Geddes, from



East Cote Lighthouse with Edward Dalglish

whence it acquired its local name 'Tommy Legs'. In the Carlisle Journal of Friday 7th September 1906, there was an article reporting the drowning of the Silloth Lighthouse Keeper Samuel Jardine on the previous Saturday. He had been in

was drunk. Suspending him from duty, a deputy was arranged to take his place. When the deputy went to take up his duties at about 8:30pm, he found that the lighthouse was on fire. The blaze had been noticed by others, who had reported



East Cote Lighthouse today

abandoned for safety reasons when the end of the pier began to subside during the early 1900's. With the loss of access to the pierhead, a replacement light was erected towards the end of the stable section of the pier. As the pier gradually deteriorated, the light marking this structure was also moved, to indicate the pier extremity at night.

Barnkirk Point Light House Located at Barnkirk Point, at the entrance to the River Annan, this light was built and commissioned in 1841, as one of the navigational aids for the small docks at Annan and Port Carlisle. When the dock at Port Carlisle closed, this lighthouse was managed and maintained by staff at Silloth Docks. It had two fixed white lights, one shining down the Firth, whilst the other shone upstream towards Port Carlisle. It was equipped with a fog bell. The lighthouse was decommissioned in the 1960's and was destroyed by fire shortly afterwards.

Southernness Light House Located on Southernness Point, Dumfriesshire, it is the second oldest lighthouse in Scotland. It was commissioned in 1748 and completed a year later. The structure was improved in 1805, under the guidance of the famous lighthouse builder Robert Stevenson. It was not lit until 1881. The structure was owned and maintained by the local lighthouse authority, to act as guidance for shipping using a navigable channel to the River Nith and the small dock at Carsthorn, which served the busy trading town of Dumfries. As trade ceased to that dock, the lighthouse beacon was extinguished and the structure decommissioned in 1931. Still visible from Silloth, the 17m tall, rectangular white tower is now cared for by the owners of the nearby caravan park.



Lees Scar Lighthouse - also known locally as 'Tommy Legs'

the job for some time and usually walked out to the Lees Scaur (sic) lighthouse at Low Water, when it was safe to negotiate a number of depressions across the dunes to reach the scaur and climb the tower. On this occasion, he had been seen proceeding to the lighthouse rather later than was expected. As it got dark, it was noticed at the dock that the light was not shining and the Silloth tug was sent to investigate. The lighthouse was found to be locked and unattended. Sadly, at 5:30 the following morning the body of the keeper was found face down on the sands by a walker on the beach. The Coroner concluded that the deceased, being late for work and whose watch had stopped at 7:15, had been caught by the incoming tide on the Saturday evening on his way to the lighthouse. A verdict of "Accidental Drowning" was returned.

On 1st July 1911, the Dockmaster at Silloth came across the Lees Scar lighthouse keeper in town, at a time when he should have been manning his lighthouse. To make matters worse he

seeing a figure running away from the scene. The regular keeper was later arrested and sent for trial at Carlisle Assizes, where he was found guilty of having feloniously set the lighthouse on fire. An emergency light was rigged on the structure until it could be repaired. The lighthouse continued to be manned until 1938, when the structure was declared unsafe. The light was re-established in 1959 as a result of the gradually collapsing pier. The elaborate light housing on the top platform is now long-gone and the legs bottoms have been reinforced with concrete. For a while in the 1970s-80s a small glass fibre cabinet on the top platform housed the light batteries, which were re-charged by a wind powered generator, but this arrangement was replaced around the year 2000 by a solar powered light, which now flashes green every 5 seconds.

Silloth Pierhead Light House Established in 1857 at the extreme end of the new Silloth Pier and maintained by Silloth Port Authority. This attractive timber built lighthouse had to be



Silloth Pierhead Lighthouse



Southernness Lighthouse

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Carers Rights Day

Friday 25th November is Carers Rights Day, led by the national charity Carers UK, who raise awareness of Carers and their rights in the UK.

In the UK, there are an estimated seven million unpaid Carers who are often overlooked when we think about what a Carer is. An unpaid Carer is someone who provides support to a family member or friend who could not manage without support as a result of an illness, disability, or addiction. It is estimated that three in five of us will become Carers at some point in our lives, with one in ten of us currently providing care. Every day 6,000 people start caring for a family member or friend. Helping a loved one get the most out of life can be incredibly rewarding, but it can also be very tough.

Thankfully, Carers do have some rights that are enshrined in law, such as the right to an assessment of your needs as a Carer, and the right to ask your employer for flexible working arrangements.

Carers Rights Day is an important date in our

calendar for awareness raising, however, for us, every day is Carers Rights Day, as we seek to support the 18,000 Carers in West Cumbria. Whilst you're reading this, think about whether you might be a Carer. You might be helping to support an elderly parent, a spouse with a physical illness, or a child with a disability.

If you are a Carer, we'd like to support you with your rights. We offer a range of services including counselling, volunteer driving, training, and benefits advice. To learn more, please contact us. We also have an out of hours telephone information service Saturday 9am to 12noon if you are unable to contact us during the week.

West Cumbria Carers are a registered charity who work with Carers in Allerdale and Copeland aged 5 and up. Visit our website at westcumbriacarers.co.uk and follow us on Twitter @WCumbriaCarers and our Facebook page- West Cumbria Carers.

If you want to talk to someone on the phone please call: 01900 821976

The Interesting Story of John E Brown 1883-1980

Report by: Helen Strickland

John was born in the Gorbals, Glasgow in 1883, one of six children born to Alexander and Esther Brown.

In about 1904/7 he up sticks and sailed to Canada and in 1911 he was living in Winnipeg.

He joined the Canadian Armed Forces (Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force) on the 8th January 1914 in Edmonton and was soon sent over to England to help the British. By October 1915 he was being sent to France but was very soon wounded after being buried for several hours up to the waist resulting in a crushed leg and wounded thigh. In November of the same year he was returned to hospital in the UK, from then on he was in several hospitals in the UK as well as serving back in France. 1918 he was transferred back to England again and as he was listed as an experienced farmer was posted to General Duties in Shorncliffe, and then in 1919 he was sent back to Canada on the S.S. Casandra and on the 18th May 1919 was discharged from the army in Canada.

On 30th October 1924 he married an Elizabeth Minnie McPherson in Edmonton. He had been working as a land agent for the Northern Trading Company. She was an Inuit girl from Fort Smith in the North West Territories and the daughter of a David McPherson a boatman for the Hudson Bay Company. After the wedding the couple left Edmonton to go north to Athabasca and stayed at Calling Lake for the winter. Four years later John re-married Elizabeth (now known as Elysa) in the Catholic Church

named Sacred Heart in Fort Simpson. I have no idea why they re-marry unless it was to please her family but I do know the family were not Catholic.

It was noted in a book about 1929, 'The Journals of Norman Robinson' Dave McPherson had a notorious daughter Eliza who, and nobody knows how she managed it, married a Scotchman - a man from Glasgow University. Some slight difference of opinion on their wedding night resulted in him throwing her down the 200 foot slope which was immediately in front of their tent. On arrival at the bottom, bruised but not broken, she continued rolling into the river where she was first revived and then nearly drowned. The plan worked because they were perfectly happy when I last saw them - although separate." The part about Scotchman from Glasgow University was wrong the Glasgow part was right.

Elizabeth/Eliza Brown nee McPherson died in 1930 in Fort Simpson of TB and I have never been able to find any children from this marriage.

In 1941 and the outbreak of the WWII, John was living in Vancouver and joined the Canadian Veterans Guard, stating he was ten years younger than his true age and was a Trapper and Trader. It was stated on one medical form that this man spoke very rapid and appeared in looks to be older than his years..... so he was. He really would have been too old to join up at the age of 58 years.

Once again he was sent to the UK where at some point in 1944 he met Dorothea Lucy McBurnie. It is not

Tide Tables

DECEMBER 2016		SILLOTH							
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Times shown in UTC. Add 1 hour for British Summer Time.

Message for Trump?

Report by: Helen Strickland

On 8th November, whilst walking with our collie Meg(alomaniac!) on West Beach, he who must be obeyed found a message in a bottle. Yes, imagine my delight and unbridled excitement when, returning home, he presented me with such a treasure unopened and waiting for my eyes to be the first to reveal it's

contents!

He spares no expense on presents for me!

I opened the bottle a small Schw..... glass bottle and inside on pink paper was the following message: Side one, "(18.10.2016) From Southernness Scotland if you find this I wish you happiness always be good" Side two, "Hello you never worry just smile and be happy and be kind to people so the world can be a better place Love is all you need"

There is also a small flower inside the bottle.

My query is, should I put it back in the water and hope it gets to the USA for Donald Trump to find and read?



John and Lucy Brown

clear where they met but she was a children's nurse who because of the war was called to do general nursing so they might have met in a hospital. Although nursing in London she was from Blackford just outside Carlisle. He was 16 years her senior. On the 13th December 1944 he was granted permission to marry and married Lucy on the 15th December 1944 in Hampstead Registry Office, London.

I cannot find out when he was sent back to Canada but he was demobbed in August 1947 and went to live in Dawson Creek where Lucy had already made her home, sailing out in April 1947.

They lived in various places in Canada but eventually came back to live first in London Road, Carlisle then Alma Terrace in Silloth where they ended their days.

John died in 1980 and Lucy in 1985.

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St Andrews Church Organ

This organ was originally a house organ, made for the mansion at Helensburgh known as "Cairndhu". This was designed by the architect William Leiper, in the style of a French Chateau in 1871 and had a celebrated room with its ceiling in the then fashionable Japanese style. Unfortunately, after having been an hotel and then an old peoples' home, this building is currently boarded up and "at risk".

The house was built for John Ure, a prosperous Glasgow miller who served as Lord Provost of Glasgow, laying the foundation stone of the City Chambers in 1883. The second son became Solicitor General for Scotland (1905-09) and became Baron Strathclyde in 1914. If the name Ure sounds familiar, it could be because a grand daughter, Mary Ure, was a film and stage star.

The House was

requisitioned by the Royal Navy in 1940 and then sold after the war. We assume that the organ was taken out of the house around this time.

St Andrews Presbyterian Church was looking for a replacement organ and they were thinking in terms of a reed organ but then one of the Elders, Mr Harr, received a phone call from his brother in Edinburgh to say that there was a pipe organ for sale from Lord Strathclyde's mansion in Helensburgh. The cost including transport and installation would be about £400. A deputation went to view the organ and the next reference in the minutes is for September 1946 when a letter of thanks was to be sent to Messrs Ingrams (organ builders of Edinburgh) to thank them for the satisfactory way in which the installation of the organ had been done. The organ was dedicated on

11th November 1946 by Rev Purvis Boyes.

The church fitted an electric blower to the organ, which means it was probably hand-blown at Cairndhu. We think the organ was made by the Bradford firm of Connacher and the sound quality of the organ when played by an expert can, without too much imagination, take us back to its original setting, a room probably of similar size to St Andrews church, which has treasured and cared for it since 1946. The beautiful case of the organ is typical of a house organ, where the organ is a piece of furniture as well as a musical instrument. Almost certainly the architect, William Leiper, designed the case to fit in with his house.

Allerdale & Universal Credit

Universal Credit, which is the new benefit being introduced by Central Government, comes into effect in most areas of the borough on Wednesday 9 November, and Allerdale Borough Council will be providing help and assistance to those people who are eligible to claim.

Universal Credit is part of the government's Welfare Reform programme and replaces six existing benefits: Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and Housing Benefit. New claimants between the ages of 18 years

and 60 year, six months will be required to apply for Universal Credit online at www.gov.uk/universal-credit. Those residents already in receipt of benefits will not be affected and do not need to do anything. Universal Credit will be the first benefit to have a totally online claims process. To help claimants who are without access to the internet, the Council is providing computers at its offices in Workington, Cockermouth, Keswick, Maryport and Wigton (Local Links).

Residents will need a number of documents with them to apply for their claim including National Insurance number, their bank/building society details, rent agreement, postcode, details of any savings, details of any additional income and details of any other benefits. More advice on the application process can be found on the website mentioned above. Once an application has been submitted, claimants will be required to make an appointment at their local Jobcentre within seven days. They will be allocated a work coach who can then refer them to the Council if they are identified as someone who may need help with budgeting.

The aim of Universal Credit is to simplify the

system by lumping many different benefits into one. What this means is that recipients will receive one monthly payment to cover all of their living costs. There will also be a six week period between applying for Universal Credit and receiving payment. The Council is therefore also providing advice to residents on debt and financial management, to help those who will find this difficult.

Cllr Konrad Hansen, Portfolio Holder for Regulatory Services, said "Universal Credit brings with it a major change in the benefit system, so we have been working closely with our partners to ensure a smooth transition. One of the Council's priorities is to help those who are most vulnerable, and we understand that the new service has the potential to affect a number of people. Therefore, I'm pleased that the Council is able to provide the support and advice that is needed to ensure people get the financial help that they are entitled to."

A small number of areas in Allerdale may not be affected by the changes just yet. Residents can use the following postcode checker tool to find out if they will be included: www.universalcreditinfo.net.

Bee by Bobby from Holme St Cuthbert School



Anagrams Answers

Answers to the quiz on page 5.

- 1. SYLOGIDHI = GOODHILLS
 - 2. HPIETU = THOPE
 - 3. YEKALKDC = BLACKKEY
 - 4. BYRA = RABY
 - 5. NOBOELIC = COGNIBO
- Did you get them all correct, or did you cheat?

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Silloth Football Club



Report by: Colin Baty

Silloth Seagulls sporting their new red and white strip sponsored by Silloth Corner Cafe

On 24th September, Silloth were at home against second placed Cockermouth, who were blitzed by a superb Seagull bombardment winning 5-0 with goals coming from Reece Blake 1, Nico Watt 1, and 3 from Adam Carr who was named as Player of the Month for September. The Man of the Match was Reece Blake.

Next we played arch rivals Wigton at home who were top of the table on 1st October, and Silloth were even better destroying the Harriers 3-0 with goals from Reece Blake, Adam Carr and Andy Hardman, the Man of the Match was new arrival Callum Casson.

Then along came Whitehaven Miners on 8th October in the Whitehaven Cup, again at home. This was a bit like after the Lord Mayor's show and we struggled to have the same intensity but still came out 4-1 winners with goals from

Adam Carr 2, Shaun Clark 1, and Andy Hardman 1. Man of the Match was Dean Barton and we went into the Quarter Finals of this competition.

Then yet another game at home in the County Cup on 15th October against Kirkoswald of the Westmorland League which turned out to be arguably our hardest game of the season, in which we were twice losing finally winning 3-2 after extra time (1-1 in normal time). Goalscorers being Andy Hardman, Kieran Little and a second period of extra time penalty from Nico Watt, Man of the Match being Kieran Little.

Then on 29th October we travelled to Mirehouse in the League knowing that we would need to get our first away win of the season, which we resoundingly did smashing them 6-1 with goals from Kieran Little 2, Nico Watt 2 (1 pen), Adam

Carr 1 and Andy Hardman 1 (who was named Player of the Month for October). Man of the Match was Nico Watt.

On 5th October, Silloth played Borough at Eden Street after Borough's pitch was deemed unplayable the day before in the Cumberland County Cup. This was a tight game but Silloth's exalted forward play came to the fore again with Goals from a Nico Watt penalty, two goals from Adam Carr, one from Kieran Little and one from Callum Casson ensured a 5-1 victory and got Silloth into the Quarter Finals which will be played in 2017. Man of the Match going to Ken Lau.

On Saturday 12th November, Silloth were away to Cockermouth in the League and I was expecting a very difficult game. Luckily Silloth got out of the blocks and an amazing attacking display of clinical brilliance,

meant that Silloth raced into a 4-0 lead in the first 20 minutes. With goals from Adam Carr 2, Andrew Trestrianu and Stuart Johnson. Cockermouth got one back before half time to make it 4-1. The Seagulls then pounced on their wounded prey and Adam Carr completed his hat trick to go to 18 goals for the season (11 in the League) and Brian Hayhurst got the sixth to make it 6-1. Then to top the day off, goalkeeper Luke Stockdale saved a penalty to put Silloth into third in the League. Man of the Match was 16 year old Lewis Little at Left Back with an outstanding display. Silloth have now won nine games in a row!

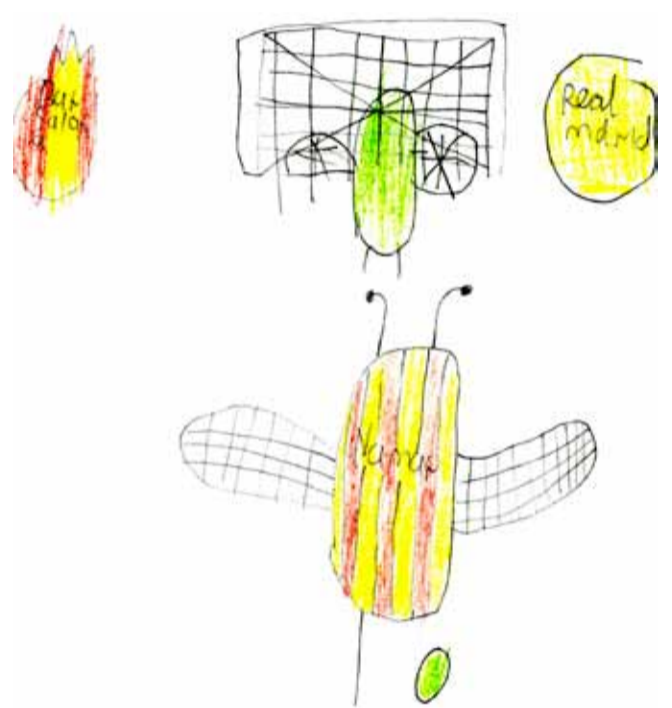
I would also like to thank Alison Henderson of Silloth Corner Café for sponsoring our new red and white strip. We will wear it with pride.

In the meantime keep kicking them balls.

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