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Special thanks must go to all those who have

submitted articles or letters over the past year. The army of volunteers who help to distribute the Buzz throughout the area, also, very importantly, all the advertisers who help to ensure that the Buzz

can pay its way. Without money to pay the bills everything would soon grind to a halt. Best wishes to everyone for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, Merry Christmas to you all.

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# Jolly Tots Christmas Party



Report by: Laura Crowe

Jolly Tots had their annual Christmas party on December 5th with a surprise visit from Santa Claus who joined them all for party food. A lovely morning was had by all.

## St Andrews Church Events

Report by: Penny Stimson  
St Andrews Church held an Organ Recital on Saturday 29th November.

We are raising funds to have our beautiful organ cleaned and serviced. This will cost over three thousand pounds, and we managed to raise £385 at this event. It was an enjoyable evening with tea/coffee and Christmas cake in the interval. A thank you to all who came and supported us.

St Andrews Church is sorry for having to cancel the children's Christmas card and present event at short notice. Unfortunately this was due to a member of the team being in Hospital.

## Arthritis Support Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

The AGM of the Arthritis Support Group was held in the West Street Bowling Club with a full complement of members.

After a good talk it was decided the new Committee would be Chair - Margaret Armstrong, Treasurer Glynis Mackie, and Secretary Eleanor Hodgson.

The Menu for the New Year Lunch was passed around and transport organized then a lovely afternoon tea was enjoyed. Lilian Gordon was the lucky winner of the raffle.



Gamer Bee by Daniel Goodman from Silloth Primary School

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# Silloth Christmas Lights Switch-On

Report by:  
Owen Martin



Sunday 4th December saw the Christmas Lights Switch-On. The fun began with Santa in his grotto in the Silloth Cafe meeting the kids and giving out gifts.

It continued out on the Green with live Music from Carlos and Funfair rides, followed by singing by the children of Jelly Tots Nursery who then helped Santa switch on the lights.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the people who attended the switch on, also to Silloth Town Council for all the help putting up the lights, DA Harrison for the trailer, STAG for supporting the event, Carlos, Santa, the children of Jelly Tots for proving the amazing entertainment and everyone who supported the lights in anyway.

A special thank you to Alison Henderson and Debbie Fearon for their amazing fundraising throughout the year and their continued work keeping the lights going Silloth is so lucky to have them!



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# What an Organ



Report by: Jennifer Bailey

On Saturday 26th November at 7:30pm, there was a recital of Advent and Christmas Organ music, given by Mr. Ian Hare Ma.Mus.b at St Andrew's Church in Silloth, in order to raise much needed funds for the repair and renovation of this most beautiful organ. The estimated cost of this work is £3,000!

The organ was originally a house organ, made for the mansion at Helensburgh, known as "Cairndhu." St Andrew's Presbyterian Church was looking for a replacement organ and they were informed 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. 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." The beautifully carved case of the organ is typical of a house organ, where the organ is a piece of furniture as well as a musical instrument.

Mr Hare began playing organs at the tender age of 8 years and began his musical training at Hymers College, Hull and at St. Mary's Church, Beverley. He became

a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists at the age of 16 years and went on to Kings College, Cambridge. He has an extensive repertoire of organ music ranging from the 16th century to the present day, including a special interest in music by British composers. Mr Hare has performed widely in Britain and abroad, including France, Germany, Holland and the USA. He has played at many of the major London venues, notably Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, The Temple Church and an appearance at the BBC Proms! Ian has made several recordings, including broadcasts for radio and television and some solo organ CDs. He is also a composer, specialising in choral and organ music and has had a number of works performed and published in Britain and the USA. Appointed Lecturer in Music at Lancaster University in 1974 and subsequently becoming the first University Organist, in 2006 Ian was awarded an Honorary Fellowship and retired after 40 years of service. He has recently taken the post of organist at St. Oswald's Church in Grasmere.

All that said, if you were lucky enough to hear this magnificent pipe organ

# When it Rains, it Kills

Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) teams are supporting a new Highways England road safety campaign - 'When it Rains, It Kills.'

Drivers are being urged to slow down when it's raining, after almost 3,000 people were killed or seriously injured nationally when driving in the rain last year. The campaign follows latest statistics which show that people are 30 times more likely to be killed or seriously injured when driving in rain than in snow.

The figures also reveal that travelling too fast for the conditions was identified as a factor in 1 in 9 road deaths in Great Britain last year, with drivers failing to alter how they drive in response to changing conditions on the road.

Highways England is warning that even driving within the speed limit in wet weather could be dangerous if drivers don't allow extra space between them and the vehicle in front. This message is being reinforced with rain-activated warning messages visible to people leaving motorway service stations.

Richard Leonard, Head of Road Safety for Highways England, said: "Most of us already slow down in snow, ice or fog but when it rains we consider it normal so don't adapt our driving. The sad fact is that 2,918 people were killed or seriously injured nationally on the roads when it was raining last year, and not slowing down to suit the current conditions was identified as a factor in 1 in 9 of all road deaths. Rain makes it harder for tyres to grip the road and harder for drivers to see ahead -

gently teased into the softest, most gentle musical tunes, then awakened into rafter ringing emotionally riotous, glorious sounds, you'll understand why the work needed to restore the organ is absolutely essential to preserve this beautiful instrument for future generations to enjoy.

significantly increasing the chances of being involved in a collision. We've launched our new campaign to make drivers aware of the dangers and to stay safe."

Mark Ducie, Community Safety Manager for Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, said: "We're supporting the 'When it rains, it kills' campaign from Highways England because we've seen time and again how wet conditions

have caused accidents on Cumbria roads. The statistics speak for themselves and we urge all drivers to follow the advice of Highways England and to be aware of weather forecasts when planning journeys."

A new road safety video has been produced, directed by award-winning photographer Nadav Kander, which shows rain falling inside the home of a family imagined to have been involved in a serious road collision.

It generally takes at least twice as long to stop on a wet road as on a dry road because tyres have less grip on the surface. In wet weather you should:

- slow down if the rain and spray from other vehicles is making it difficult to see and be seen
- keep well back from the vehicle in front as this will increase your ability to see and plan ahead
- ease off the accelerator and slow down gradually if the steering becomes unresponsive as it probably means that water is preventing the tyres from gripping the road

In total, 197 people lost their lives on roads during rainfall in Great Britain last year and 2,721 suffered a serious injury, compared to 14 deaths and 153 serious injuries during fog, and 2 deaths and 95 serious injuries during snow.

Highways England is aiming to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on England's motorways and major A roads by 40% by 2020 through road improvements, safety campaigns and other initiatives.



# Allerdale Borough Council Christmas and New Year arrangements

Allerdale Borough Council's refuse and office opening arrangements over the Christmas and New Year period are as follows.

Bin/recycling times:  
During the week commencing Monday 26th December, refuse, paper and purple bag collections will take place one day later than normal.

For example, collections due on Boxing Day will be taken instead on Tuesday 27th December and Friday collections will take place on Saturday 31st December.

For the week commencing Monday 2nd January, collections will also be picked up one day later than normal. For example, collections due on the Monday will take place on Tuesday 3rd January and Friday collections will take place on Saturday 7th January 2017.

Additional green waste collection will take place between Monday 16th and Friday 27th January 2017. Please check your waste collection calendar for details of specific dates. If you would like your Christmas Tree collected, please place your it in or next to your green waste bin for collection on your specified collection day.

For more information, visit [www.allerdale.gov.uk/bin](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/bin) collections where you can check bin collection dates, report a missed collection, and check for any severe weather that could affect collections.

All disposal sites are run by Cumbria County Council. Household Waste Recycling Centres will all be open as usual throughout the festive season with the exception of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, when they will all be closed.

They will all be closing at the slightly earlier time of 4pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Otherwise they will be open at the usual opening hours:

Maryport, Glasson Industrial Estate - 8am - 6pm, seven days a week.  
Wigton, Syke Park 8am - 6pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday.

Office opening dates/times:  
Allerdale House in Workington and the Council's telephone lines will be closed

from 12 noon on Friday 23rd December 2016 until 8:45am on Tuesday 3rd January 2017. Their Customer Contact Centres in Cockermouth, Keswick, Maryport and Wigton will close at the same time and will reopen at 9am on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

The emergency out-of-hours number while the offices are closed over the festive period is 0303 123 1702.

Allerdale Borough Council's website [www.allerdale.gov.uk](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk) can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is a secure online payment facility as well as specific pages to report any problems; from dog fouling to noise pollution.

Museums:  
Helena Thompson Museum, Workington will close at 4:30pm on Wednesday 21st December and reopen at 1:30pm on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

Keswick Museum will be closed from Saturday 24th until Tuesday 27th December and on the 1st and 2nd of January. On all other dates, it will be open as normal from 10am to 4pm.

Leisure Centres:  
For opening times of the leisure centres in Workington, Cockermouth and Keswick, plus The Wave Centre at Maryport, please visit [www.better.org.uk/allerdale](http://www.better.org.uk/allerdale)

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# Memorial Services 60 Years on from Tragedy



Report by: Sue Kent  
RNLI Volunteer

Relatives and representatives of organisations involved had a private service at Grune Point before the public service at the Lifeboat Station

On Saturday 10th December 2016 two memorial services took place to commemorate 60 years since the tragic loss of life of four Silloth firemen.

The first service, held at 9:30am at Grune Point, Skinburness, was private and for the families of those who lost their lives. This act of remembrance was a very moving and emotional service for all who attended. The lifeboat and her crew stood by during the service. A wreath was then laid by the lifeboat crew who then launched four para flares in recognition of the four firemen who were lost. The names of **Alex Ramsay, John Johnstone, Joseph Bell and Stanley Graham** were announced before each flare was launched.

The second service, for the general public, was held at 12 noon, where a memorial sculpture was unveiled by Senior Helmsman Steve Henderson. The memorial serves as a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Lifeboat Crew, Lifeguards, Supporters and Fund-raisers. It reminds us that there are still people who volunteer to carry out selfless acts of heroism to help others and we will always remember their sacrifice. The sculpture bears the motto of Sir William Hillary 'With courage,



Above: with the flag at half mast a wreath was put into Moricambe Bay, other wreaths were launched by family members from the shore

nothing is impossible.' This Memorial is now on permanent display in Silloth RNLI lifeboat station for all to see. Grateful thanks to all at Silloth on Solway Community Shop, for providing grant funding enabling us to obtain this marvellous sculpture.

Eddie Studholme, Lifeboat Operations Manager at Silloth, would like to thank the Lifeboat Crew, Committee Members,



Alison Scott, Jen Henderson, Lesley Hope, Anne Wishart, Anne Winter, Kay Ritchie and Rowena Thornthwaite for their help and assistance in making this a day to remember!



The Memorial Sculpture which is on display in the Silloth Lifeboat Station



Captain Chris Puxley gave an account of the callout  
Rev'd John Millard (Lifeboat Chaplain)  
Rev'd Canon Bryan Rothwell  
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# Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2017



*The Lancashire Hotpots*



Silloth Music and Beer Festival dates are September 7th to 10th 2017.

Earlybird tickets are on sale for the weekender at Winters Newsagents, Carnegie Theatre, Workington and ticketweb.co.uk. These are limited to first 200.

The music this year has a slightly different twist, as well as top local talent we are bringing some of Britains finest tribute acts as well as some original bands. Thursday evening we have THE BOSS UK, Britains top tribute to BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN supported by two local bands treading the boards for the first time at Silloth. Our special deals with Stanwix Park and Solway Village are available, so for some great deals get in touch now. There will be the usual supply of real ale, ciders, etc.

Watch out for the full lineup to be announced shortly.

**THE CLONE ROSES**

The Stone Roses are without doubt one of the most important bands of British music and their music has influenced and



inspired many artists. They recently performed four sell out nights at The Etihad Stadium in Manchester to over 240,000 people, and the concerts will no doubt go down in history for fans of the band.

But with the Roses' appearances now less regular, there is only one option to hear those songs played with the same passion and

energy as the real thing. The Clone Roses are the longest serving and most popular Roses Tribute playing live today. The attention to detail is second to none, with the band acquiring the same clothing, instruments and usually play the same set as The Roses themselves. The band have recently



played Isle of Wight Festival, Shiine on Weekender, and "A Tribute to Manchester" headlining to over 2,500 at Manchester Academy 1, and to 1700 people at Ulster Hall in Belfast, as well as a UK Tour of the O2 Academy music venues. Expect to hear all the classics, "Waterfall", "Made of Stone", "I am the Resurrection" along with the new songs "All for One" and "Beautiful Thing."

If you've never seen the real deal or want to re-live the best gig you've been to then "The Clones" will deliver the next best thing! 2017 sees festival favourites The Lancashire Hotpots celebrate ten years of Chippy Teas and Shopmobility Scooters. In that time, the Hotpots have built a well-earned reputation as the number one party night out in the North West. Join Bernard and the boys for a great big Northern knees-up full of singalong music and madcap fun.

Delta Sunrise are a Delta hill stomp blues trio act with an old soul.

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Guitar, Banjo, Tin-Whistle, Harmonica and Vocals, transporting you back to the deep south.

Influences include RL Burnside, Fred McDowell, Robert Belfour and the great Son house.



## Anagrams Quiz

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

1. ELVSIELA =
2. DHOLTA =
3. TOWNEN =
4. BYTRNHO =
5. BETAWBYNO =

You will find the answers on page 15, go-on have a go!



Holiday Bee & Baby Bee by Rosie from Silloth Primary School



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# Award for Buzz



Report by: Sue Kent  
RNLI Volunteer

Peter McRobert being presented with a Certificate and Plaque from Captain Chris Puxley, Chairman of Silloth Lifeboat Management Group, and Eddie Studholme, Lifeboat Operations Manager, in

recognition of his continued support to Silloth RNLI Lifeboat station through the Solway Buzz.

The Solway Buzz is a tremendous local newspaper and gives much support to the local community and is very much appreciated by all who read it!

# Marilyn's Memorial Walk Raised £1,800



Photo by: Stephen Davenport

Marilyn Amyes Memorial Charity Walk from outside the Albion Inn to Maryport raised £1,800 with the proceeds going to Silloth First Responders, Cumbria Air Ambulance and Eden Valley Hospice.

# PCC News & Grant Opportunities

## 'MAKING CUMBRIA AN EVEN SAFER PLACE' Independent Custody Visitor Scheme

As part of my remit, I operate an Independent Custody Visiting Scheme which currently has 45 volunteers. The scheme enables independent members of the local community to make weekly unannounced visits to check on the welfare of people in police custody. In the period June to September 2016 the visitors carried out a total of 63 visits and spoke to or observed 121 detainees in custody. During October the four Panels held one of their 4 monthly meetings when they talked about the visits they had carried out and raised any issues identified. These were then discussed with the local custody inspector.

As part of the scheme our volunteers have the opportunity to attend a North West regional conference. This year it was held on 15th October held at Haydock Park. The day provided seminar and training sessions relating to custody visiting and 18 of our volunteers attended.

If you would be interested in volunteering to



Peter McCall  
Police & Crime  
Commissioner

be one of our Independent Custody Visitors you can find out more information on our website.

### Property Fund Applications

In October, I reviewed applications for funds from my property fund, and I am happy to say that I was able to award almost £3,000 to local community groups from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Property Fund.

The Property Fund was established to reinvest money seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act. Local community groups together with their Community Policing Teams make applications for funding for various projects and initiatives, and put

the money to good use for the positive benefit of our communities.

This time round, the following groups were successful:  
Ulverston Otters Amateur Swimming Club £500  
Gosforth Amateur Dramatic Society £300  
Turning Point £1,000  
Wigton Youth Station £1,000

I was really pleased to see such a variety of community groups coming forward for funding in conjunction with their Community Policing Teams. The awards include providing support to sporting and recreational clubs which give young people a great opportunity to keep busy and healthy, as well as funding for some of the most vulnerable groups in our communities.

In early December I was fortunate to visit Gulliver House, which is run by Turning Point, in Whitehaven. Gulliver House is a 24 hour supported living, recovery and rehabilitation service in West Cumbria that provides intensive support to nine individuals with significant mental health issues to encourage them to take control over their own life situation

If you would like to make

an application to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Property Fund, please contact your local Community Policing Team and they will be able to work with you through the criteria and process. The closing date for the next round of applications is 28th February 2017. For more information, please see my website <http://www.cumbria-pcc.gov.uk/working-for-you/property-fund.aspx>.

### Community Fund Applications

Another funding option for local communities that meet the eligibility criteria is my Community Fund, which is specifically for access by the local community, third sector and voluntary groups within Cumbria. It is aimed at supporting projects that are provided within local communities for the benefit of that community.

The fund is particularly looking to support organisations which believe they can have an impact on the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan:-  
Anti- Social Behaviour - including Alcohol-Related Offending  
Youth Justice  
Rural Crime

Domestic Abuse  
Sexual Violence  
Support for Victims  
Preventing Re-offending  
Veterans

Hate Crime which encompasses hate, disability, sexual orientation, race, transgender, and religion  
Cyber Crime

The objective is to support community groups to deliver a change within their community which benefits members and supports the Police and Crime Plan.

Following my review of applications in the autumn, I am very pleased to be able to provide funding to the following groups:  
Maryport Amateur Boxing

Club £10,000  
Cumbria Youth Alliance £9,750  
Age UK West Cumbria £10,000  
Appleby Heritage Centre £6,000  
Colton Parish Council £7,824  
Mirehouse Residents Group £9,420  
Ragged Edge Productions £2,430  
Triple A Project (CROPT) £10,000

The closing date for the next round of applications is Monday 3rd April 2017. For more information, please see my website: <http://www.cumbria-pcc.gov.uk/working-for-you/community-fund.aspx>.



Santa Bee  
by Jack Steven Robertson from Holme St Cuthbert School

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# Solway Community School Prize Giving Evening 2017

See all the pictures taken on the Solway Buzz Facebook page



Head Teacher Judith Schafer

Solway Community School's annual prizegiving on Wednesday 30th November was, as always, a fantastic evening event. Police and Crime Commissioner Colonel Peter McCall gave the keynote address and, as a local boy himself, the theme was how the students should look beyond their horizons and how, with hard work and commitment, anything is achievable.

Certainly the evening celebrated achievement across every year group with proud parents looking on as many students were awarded prizes for outstanding achievement in academic results, sporting excellence and community work. New this year was an award sponsored by the RNLI for our Junior Lifeboat Crew who volunteered to take part in a six week training course, supported by the lifeboat station, and who were very proud to accept the award for community service.

Perhaps the most moving part of the evening came when former student Emily Smith, now studying for A levels, spoke to current students with advice for how to make the most of the Solway experience. She explained how the care and hard work of Solway staff had helped her achieve her goals and the excellent exam results she enjoyed in August - but with a warning that you only get one chance at GCSE's, so make the most of the help and advice available! It was lovely that Emily had, unprompted, asked to speak, and of course advice from an ex student outranks anything teachers can say to current students!

Delicious mince pies and shortbread were on offer to everyone after the formal proceedings were concluded, and a good evening was had by all.





# Copy Date



Copy date for the Feb/March issue is: 1st Jan 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.

## 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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## Abbeytown Library

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

## Production Team

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# Dates for the Diary

## Send Your 2017 Dates in NOW!

### December

25th Christmas Lunch for the lonely in Silloth Cafe noon to 2pm, all free of charge

### January 2017

4th Parkinsons UK Group meeting, speaker and lunch in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527

14th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

16th Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall, Petheril Street at 7pm

20th RNLI Quiz Night in Mrs Wilson's at 7:30pm, Entry £5 per person, teams of 4 pre-book: 016973 31155

### February

1st Parkinsons UK Group meeting, speaker and lunch in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527

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

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

### March

1st Parkinsons UK Group meeting, speaker and lunch in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527

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

10th Retro Music Weekend 5 at Stanwix Park, 016973 32666

11th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

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12th Retro Music Weekend 5 at Stanwix Park, 016973 32666

21st U3A meeting at All Hallows Community Centre in Fletchertown. Tel 016973 49943

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

### Indoor Bowling

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

### Tourist Information & Library

#### Opening Times

Monday 10-1pm 2-5pm  
Tuesday CLOSED  
Wed 10-1pm 2-5pm  
Thursday CLOSED  
Friday 10-1pm 2-5pm  
Saturday 10-1pm  
Easter Sunday 27th March 10am to 1pm  
Tel: 016973 31944

Local Links desk closes at 4pm

### April

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

5th Parkinsons UK Group meeting, speaker and lunch in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527

????th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

18th U3A meeting at All Hallows Community Centre in Fletchertown. Tel 016973 49943

### May

3rd Parkinsons UK Group meeting, speaker and lunch in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527

8th Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall, Petheril Street at 7pm

### June

5th Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall, Petheril Street at 7pm

7th Parkinsons UK Group meeting, speaker and lunch in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527

9th SSW7 at Stanwix Park

10th SSW7 at Stanwix Park

11th SSW7 at Stanwix Park

### July

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

5th Parkinsons UK Group meeting, speaker and lunch in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527

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### 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

#### SILLOTH LIFEBOAT STATION SHOP OPENING HOURS

November  
Saturday 1pm to 3:30pm  
Sunday 11am to 3:30pm  
December  
Sundays only 11am to 3pm  
The shop will close for the season on Sunday 11 December  
Many thanks to all our customers and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

### August

2nd Parkinsons UK Group natter and lunch in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527

### September

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

6th Parkinsons UK Group meeting, speaker and lunch in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527

7th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

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### October

2nd Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall, Petheril Street at 7pm

4th Parkinsons UK Group meeting, speaker and lunch in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527



My Bee Family by Daisy Armstrong from Abbeytown Pre-School

Errors do occur in Dates for the Diary Please check before attending an event

### Silloth Tennis Club

For coaching information call David Wise on 07742 547767

### Sewing Circle

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.

### 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 Call in for a friendly chat

Send Your Bees to the Solway Buzz There is a Bee Shortage, we Need Yours!

### November

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

### December

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

6th Parkinsons UK Group Christmas lunch + entertainment in Wheyrigg Hotel at 12 noon Tel 016973 52527

### 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

### Children's Centre

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,

Can your readers help?

### The old Solway Viaduct railway across Bowness Common

The railway was built across the Common, from Whitrigg via Rogersceugh to Bowness in the 1860s and dismantled by Arnott Young & Co (Glasgow) in the 1930s.

Does anyone have any memories of this bit of the railway track (especially of its dismantling) - stories heard from parents and older relatives, or even photos? I'm interested in what the track (raised bank and ditches) looked like across the peat of the Moss.

If you think you can help, please do phone me, Ann Lingard, on 016973 21967 or email enquiries@annlingard.com.

Many thanks  
Ann Lingard

Dear Buzz,

Back in May, myself, Darren Irwin, David Baker, Derek Wallace, Bobby Benson, Barry Matthews, Brian Robinson and our van driver Alan Messenger did a sponsored bike ride from Newcastle to Edinburgh in aid of the Children Heart Unit.

We would just like to thank everybody who sponsored us, we raised £1,650 for the hospital and big thank you to Glen and Eddie for donating us the van and Colin for the Port. ONCE AGAIN A BIG THANK YOU and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It won't be long until next years ride boys.

Barrie Wood



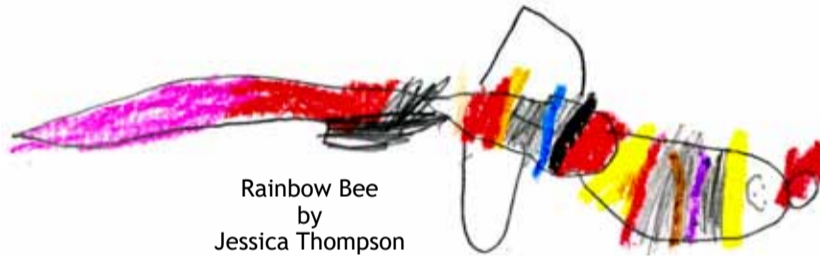
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by Jack Forster from Holme St Cuthbert Primary School



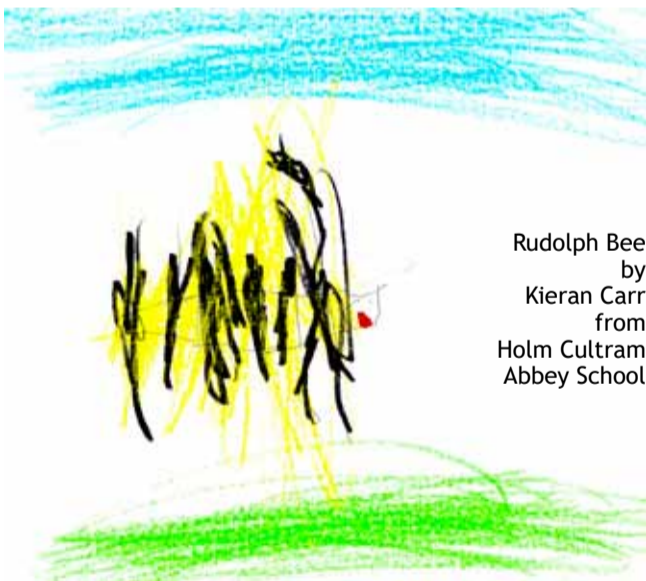
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Freddie the Bee  
by Joe Berry from Silloth Primary School



Queen Bee  
by Isabella Hayes from Holme St Cuthbert School



The Imaginary Queen Bee  
by Lucy Furness from Silloth Primary School

# Poems

*I've Grown Again This Christmas*  
by Penny Stimson

*Christmas is over, I've grown another inch.  
My skirt is getting tighter, and my knickers, well they pinch.  
I said I would not do it, I would not over eat  
But well it is Christmas, and I do deserve a treat.*

*And now I'm feeling sorry, and rather round of face.  
I can't get of the chair. And my tights split at the waist.  
Wait, now I come to think of it, I have a year to fast,  
So I will enjoy the merriment, and let the festives last!*

FRANK (in memory)  
by Mrs Jennifer Bailey

*"We'll miss him love, both night and day  
But he has to go  
And help his comrades far away  
To fight our country's foe."*

*Those were the words, with tears Mam said  
As the train pulled out of sight  
Frank smiled bravely, "Be back soon."  
"Please, don't forget to write."*

*Long months and years went dragging by  
We heard such dreadful things  
Of men in trenches, sickness, death  
That times of war will bring.*

*When came the day the postman knocked  
With news so very bad  
Their boy was missing without trace,  
At 22, a lad.*

*His Mother died not knowing where  
Her precious boy was laid  
His Father lived, an empty shell  
With thoughts of plans they'd made.*

*His sister died at 85  
But not a day went past  
When thoughts of Frank weren't far away,  
Together then, at last.*

# 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 **Hamish Harrison from Holme St Cuthbert School with a bee drawing called "Bob Jeff"**.

Well done!



## Silloth Local Link Library & Tourist Information Opening Times

Christmas Closure from 1pm 24th Dec re-open 10am 4th Jan  
Monday 10-1pm 2-4pm (Library Open Until 5pm)  
Tuesday CLOSED  
Wed 10-1pm 2-4pm (Library Open Until 5pm)  
Thursday CLOSED  
Friday 10-1pm 2-4pm (Library Open Until 5pm)  
Saturday 10-1pm

Tel: 016973 31944

## Non-Commercial Tourism Websites

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  - sillothonsolway.co.uk
  - sillothgolfclub.co.uk
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  - sillothbeerfestival.co.uk
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  - soldiersinsilloth.co.uk
  - solwayplain.co.uk/silloth1.htm
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  - facebook.com/silloth-carnival
- Any other suggestions of sites useful for our visitors, please send them to the Buzz at: office@solwaybuzz.co.uk

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 22nd Danica Hav from Mukran with Fertiliser then to Belfast  
 27th Zapadnyy from St Nazaire with Molasses then to Klaipeda

27th Wilson Brake from Amsterdam with Fertiliser then to Brombrough  
 28th Fri Skien from Ghent with Fertiliser then to Corpack  
 29th Ohlau from La Pallice with Wheat then to Belfast  
 30th Ayr from Ghent with Fertiliser

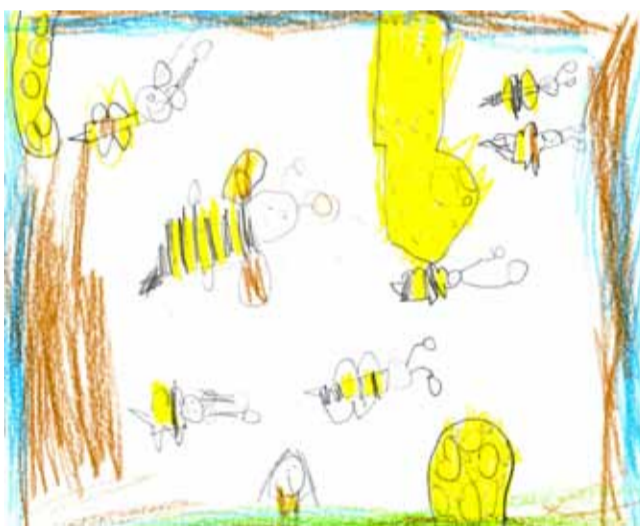


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# Tide Tables

JANUARY 2017		SILLOTH							
		DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE							
		High Water				Low Water			
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7	SA	06 17	5.7	18 50	6.2	00 28	-0.0	12 59	0.2
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Bossy Bee  
 by Theo Timperon  
 from  
 Holm Cultram Abbey School

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# Choir Raises £320 for RNLI



Report by: Margaret English

On Friday 5th December the Harlequin choir came to Christ Church Hall to support the RNLI and sang a variety of Christmas, traditional and pop songs. Claire Mattinson their talented musical director sang a couple of solos.

of the choir the audience had a very fun filled evening. After costs £320 was raised from entrance fees, lucky square draw, the raffle and the auction of a print from a painting presented by local artist Kay Ritchie. Knoxwood provided a festive hamper, J Bennett the fishmonger and Kirkcup &

Son butchers both provided a voucher. Kay Ritchie's print was bought by the musical director's father as a present for Claire. Our thanks go to everyone who was there and all proceeds go to the Silloth and District RNLI fund raising group.

# Sunset over the Solway



A stunning sunset taken on 26th November by Brian Wilson

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they must ring the response centre. This is particularly important if, due to the situation, you are unable to communicate this yourself.

The response centre would use the unique reference number from the card to identify you and take the action to make sure the person you care for is looked

after according to the plan you developed.

How do I apply for a Carers Emergency Card?

Contact West Cumbria Carers on 01900 821 976 and one of our Carers Support Workers to come and discuss the scheme and help to develop your Emergency Plan.



## Council Gully Blitz Underway

Over twelve thousand drains and gullies will be cleared between now and January as part of a council blitz on blocked drains.

The special one-off programme is in addition to the county council's usual standard annual gully clearing programme and is intended to ensure Cumbria's streets are able to drain as quickly as possible in the event of heavy rain.

The gully cleaning programme has been broken into three areas - East (3663

gullies), West (3073 gullies) and South (5649 gullies) - and should be completed by mid-January if all works go to schedule. The council has worked with local Flood Action Groups to identify where blocked gullies have previously caused problems. A full list of areas being targeted, with anticipated start dates, has been published on [www.cumbria.gov.uk/eLibrary/view.asp?ID=89417](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/eLibrary/view.asp?ID=89417). The council is asking people to assist crew by ensuring vehicles are not

blocking access to gullies on the days they are in their area.

If members of the public are aware of blocked gullies requiring urgent action now they can still contact the council's Highways Hotline via <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/highwayshotline>.

Cllr Keith Little, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: "Blocked gullies prevent water draining away quickly, making our roads more dangerous. So after the volume of rain last winter we're keen to make sure that the county's roads are as well prepared as possible. That's why we have invested additional resources in this 'gully blitz' to make sure the county's highways network is ready when the weather takes a turn for the worse. A total of 12,392 gullies will be cleaned in roughly six weeks, which is quite remarkable."



Bango Bee by Summer-Marie Barrett from Silloth Primary School

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# Falcons Swoop on Nat!



Local boy, Nathaniel Mossop has been hard at work recently, travelling the north of England to prove his Rugby skills to the RFU selectors.

This has paid off for the Silloth youngster, who has just turned 15 years old but has been



invited to train with the Newcastle Falcons Academy U16 squad. A huge achievement for Nat who also plays for his school (Nelson Thomlinson) and Carlisle RFU as their front row tight head-prop, a position not for the faint-hearted.

# Rotary Santas Sleigh



Santas Sleigh went all around the town as usual on Sunday 18th December handing out presents to the children and collecting money for good causes. Santa and his helpers and elves were very lucky to get a beautiful evening with a lovely sunset as they woke everyone up with their seasonal music many ho ho ho's and lots of good cheer.



# Are You 'Winter Ready'

A new campaign has been launched as part of Cumbria's 'winter ready' plans to ensure people have the right information, advice and guidance at their fingertips, helping them be better prepared for the coming months.

As well as a new website 'cumbriawinterready.org.uk' the campaign will also involve a whole programme of targeted social media activity helping to ensure that residents and businesses are kept up to date with all the latest 'winter ready' advice and information.

The Campaign has been developed, and is supported by, a wide range of partners including Cumbria County Council, the six District Councils, Cumbria Community Foundation and the Environment Agency and was launched on 5 December, a date that also marked a full year since the devastating floods in

Cumbria last winter.

The campaign provides advice and assistance on everything you need to know to help you be prepared and to get winter ready, including:

- Emergency planning - advice on how to protect your home from flooding and find out if you are at risk.
- Financial support available - grants and funding available for people affected by flooding.
- Winter driving - how to stay safe, keep up to date with road and weather information and make your vehicle ready for winter.
- Health advice - staying well this winter.

Councillor Stewart Young, Leader of Cumbria County Council, said: "Last winter was a really tough time for many of our communities affected by flooding. The county council has been working hard on the recovery programme

to repair flood damaged infrastructure, including roads and bridges. A lot of progress has been made over the past 12 months and we are well on the road to recovery but there is a huge amount of work still to do. We have also been working with local communities to help them become more resilient this winter. As part of this effort, we have worked with our partners to launch this new campaign including our new dedicated website to provide a one-stop source of information and advice to help residents and businesses prepare for the coming winter.

"We will also be promoting this key information to people through all of our social media platforms. One of the things we learnt during the floods was the valuable role that social media has to play in helping us keep people informed and up to date."

The campaign will help signpost residents and

businesses to the information they need, providing the latest update on what funding is available to help those affected by flooding, as well as providing a single place for the promotion of a wide range of related winter campaigns such as health, flu vaccinations and advice on how to stay warm and take care of your neighbours.

There will also be a focus on flooding and emergency preparedness, advising people on how to sign up to flood alerts and have their own household flood action plans in place should the worst happen again.

For more information visit [www.cumbriawinterready.org.uk](http://www.cumbriawinterready.org.uk) and look out for #winterready updates coming soon via social media.

Footy Bee by Brandon Potter from Silloth Primary School

# Anagrams Answers

The quiz is on page 6

- 5. BELAWBYNO = ABBEY TOWN
- 4. BYLRNHO = THORNBURY
- 3. TOWNMEN = NEW TOWN
- 2. DHOITA = ALDOTH
- 1. ELVIELA = SEAVILLE

Now using the first letter of each place name who do we associate with Christmas.



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# Silloth Seagulls Qualify for Four Competitions

Silloth AFC have had a quiet period in recent weeks with two games being postponed because of the inclement weather.

We were lucky enough to play Cockermouth away on 3rd December in the last 16 of the Ken Glover Shield. Silloth were missing a team's worth of players but still managed to put a strong team out, with an age range spanning 25 years between the players. The game was a very difficult one and Cockermouth were intent on proving a point as they had been resoundingly beaten by Silloth twice this season and took the lead in the first half, but the Seagulls were resolute and got an equaliser just before half time by Carl Lightfoot. As is the norm, Silloth scored soon after the break from a typically mazy Andrew Trestrianu run and cool finish to make it 2-1. Cockermouth again came back and equalised mid way through to make it 2-2, both goals coming from Mark Campbell, son of ex Silloth School teacher, Colin Campbell. With the game there for the taking, Andrew Trestrianu produced a fine save by the 'Keeper but in the resulting melee, Tresti received a Red Card from another ridiculous decision by the Referee. This just fired the Seagulls up and with ten men they bossed the game. In the last minute a Reece Blake corner landed on the head of Stuart Johnson, which the 'Keeper parried and Kieran Little was there to nod in the winner to make it 3-2 to Silloth. This confirmed the Seagulls place in the Quarter Finals of four different competitions!

Man of the Match was 'Keeper Luke Stockdale who produced another stand-out performance to keep us in the game. He was also named Player of the Month for November and December combined. Silloth were also drawn at home in the Quarter Finals of the Cumberland County Cup against Penrith of the Northern League. This game is likely to take place on 25th February and plans are afoot to make this a special occasion.

Silloth played Aspatria in the final game of 2016 in the Quarter Final of the Whitehaven Cup. This was a game we were all eagerly looking forward to. Unfortunately, the God's weren't with us and in a surreal first half performance where we created numerous chances we found ourselves losing 1-5 before half time! This was a combination of a couple of errors collectively by us and two appalling decisions (one each by the Referee and Linesman both at hugely key moments in the game which gave the opposition a massive psychological boost. Silloth's goal was a penalty by Nico "the Ice Man" Watt for his seventh goal of the season.

The game remained at 1-5 at full-time and Ellis Gardhouse was named man of the match.

This was Silloth's first defeat in any Cup competition (they've played in four) this season. Also their first since August 31st after



Report by: Colin Baty  
Photos by: Ben Challis

Cockermouth v Silloth Seagulls



ten wins out of ten.

We look forward to 2017 and challenging for honours and progressing as a team. We are always looking to actively recruit volunteers and set up new teams. So please contact anyone at the

Club - a number of phone numbers are in the Solway Buzz under the training time list on page 10.



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