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Twenty Years and £25,000 for Charity



Mick Satterthwaite held his last Charity Night during November at Stanwix Park raising money for local causes. After 20 years and over £25,000 raised Mick has decided it was time to bow out. Read all about the last night and the organisations who benefited on page 8.

Bus Service 60 Has New Operator



Ellenvale Coaches who are based at Fletchertown will take over the 60 bus service from Reays Coaches on Monday

30th January. The service now extends to Dearham, Sun Inn and Town Croft but no Skinburness service on Saturdays.

Skinburness - Silloth - Allonby - Maryport

60E

operated by Ellenvale Coaches

Monday to Friday

Saturday Only

Skinburness, Hotel	--	09:26	11:07	13:58	--	--	--	--	--	--
Silloth, Eden Street	07:30	09:31	11:11	14:03	17:00	18:19	09:59	11:30	15:20	17:40
West Silloth	07:32	09:33	11:13	14:05	17:02	18:21	10:01	11:31	15:21	17:41
Bitterlees	07:34	09:35	11:15	14:07	17:04	18:23	10:03	11:33	15:23	17:43
Beckfoot	07:37	09:40	11:20	14:12	17:09	18:28	10:08	11:38	15:28	17:48
Mawbray	07:42	09:45	11:25	14:17	17:14	18:33	10:13	11:43	15:33	17:53
Allonby	07:49	09:50	11:30	14:22	17:19	18:38	10:18	11:48	15:38	17:58
Maryport, Curzon Street	08:00	10:02	11:42	14:34	17:29	18:50	10:30	12:00	15:50	18:10

Monday to Friday

Saturday Only

Maryport, Curzon Street	10:30	13:15	16:30	17:48	09:27	10:58	14:45	17:10
Allonby	10:40	13:25	16:40	17:58	09:37	11:08	14:54	17:19
Mawbray	10:45	13:30	16:45	18:03	09:42	11:13	14:59	17:24
Beckfoot	10:50	13:35	16:50	18:08	09:47	11:18	15:04	17:29
Bitterlees	10:55	13:40	16:55	18:13	09:52	11:23	15:09	17:34
West Silloth	10:57	13:42	16:57	18:15	09:54	11:25	15:11	17:36
Silloth, Eden Street	11:00	13:45	17:00	18:18	09:57	11:28	15:14	17:39
Skinburness, Hotel	11:05	13:50	--	--	--	--	--	--

No Service on Sundays or Bank Holidays

♦ Only runs in School Holidays between Easter until early September

from 30th January 2017

2017 Events
28th May
Silloth Green Day
10th + 11th June
Silloth Vintage Rally
5th August
Abbeytown Carnival
25th to 27th August
Solfest
28th August
Silloth Carnival
7th to 10th September
Music & Beer Festival

Nicely Done



Tayla Markley and her bee she made with the bunchems she got from Santa.



Sleeping Bee
by
Taylor Hope
from
Silloth Primary School

Causewayhead Women's Institute

To Fun Loving Ladies of ALL Ages

Are you interested in enjoyable social and educational evenings?

e.g. Demonstrations (Crafts, cookery, etc.), slide shows, listening to Speakers talking on a wide range of subjects and outings.

We now meet in the Community Hall, Petteril Street, Silloth, CA7 4NJ. On the second Thursday in the month November to March at 2pm

On the second Wednesday in the month April to October (except August) at 7.15pm

You are most welcome to come and join us for up to two meetings before deciding if you would like to become a member. We have



a charge of £4 for visitors. Light refreshments are included but please bring your own mug.

Programme for 2017

Thursday 9th February @ 2pm Demo & Talk: - The History of Knickers Speaker: - Pat Martin Competition: - A Pair of Knickers	Thursday 9th March @ 2pm Talk & Presentation: - Mercy Ships Speaker: - Duncan Hammett Competition: - Picture or Postcard of a Ship	Wednesday 12th April @ 7.15pm A Selection of: - Pictures with Music Speaker: - Mike Angelo Competition: - A Seascape Photograph
Wednesday 10th May @ 7.15pm RESOLUTION MEETING Competition: - A Brooch	Wednesday 14th June @ 7.15pm Demo: - Lace Making Speaker: - Barbara Ratcliffe Competition: - A Lace Handkerchief	Wednesday 12th July @ 7.15pm Mines and Minerals of the Lakes Speaker: - Ian Tyler Competition: - A Semi precious stone
Wednesday 13th September @ 7.15pm Demonstration: - Coppice Working Speaker: - Helen Elvin Competition: - A Basket	Wednesday 11th October @ 7.15pm Talk: - The Fate of Henry VIII's first two Wives Speaker: - Tracey Fawcett Competition: - What Henry Needed	Thursday 9th November @ 2pm Talk: - Foot Health Speaker: - Sandra Hickebottom Competition: - A pair of Fancy Socks
Thursday 14th December @ 2pm A.G.M Hostesses: - The Committee Competition: - Who kept their New Year's Resolution the longest	Thursday 11th January 2018 @ 2pm Members Afternoon	

Are You a Carer?

Could a Carers Assessments help you?

All Adult Carers are entitled to an assessment from their local authority regardless of how much care they are providing.

In Allerdale and Copeland West Cumbria Carers carry out Carers Assessments on behalf of Cumbria County Council.

What is a Carer's Assessment? If you look after a relative or friend who could not manage without your help and caring has a major impact in your life then a carer's assessment could help you. Cumbria County Council may be able to help to make things easier for you, in certain circumstances they can provide services to the person you care for. They can also provide services for you!

To work out what services would be helpful we would discuss:

- What the person you care for needs help with
- What help you are giving at the moment
- How we or other local organisations could help you.
- The way this is done is called an "assessment"

What is a Carer's Assessment for? The purpose of a carer's assessment is to discuss the support you



need with caring, plus help to maintain your own health and juggle caring with your life, work and family commitments. It is your opportunity to tell the local authorities about the things that could make caring easier for you. A carer's assessment is NOT a test of your caring abilities and is not something you should be apprehensive about. If you want to, you can have a look at a copy of the carers assessment form in advance so that you can have a think about the topics that the support worker will discuss with you.

Some things you may want to think about / discuss could be:

- Are you getting enough sleep?
- Is your health affected in any other way?
- Can you get out and about?
- Do you get any time for yourself?
- Are your other relationships affected?
- Do you want information

about benefits?

- Are you worried you may have to give up work?
- Is the person you care for getting enough help?

You can still have an assessment even if the person you care for refuses to have an assessment themselves.

What will happen during the assessment? One of our Carers Support Workers will arrange to visit you, normally in your home but it can be another neutral place if you prefer. They will ask you a range of questions about how caring for your loved one affects your day to day life including; employment, health, social activities, and finances. They will also look at your emotional well-being and any contingency plans you may have or need should you suddenly find yourself unable to care for your loved one.

If you would like to have an assessment or an informal chat to find out more, please call West Cumbria Carers on 01900 821 976.

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Peter McCall Joins Big Sleep

Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner will mark his upcoming birthday by spending a night under the stars to raise money for charity.

Peter McCall will join up to 200 other fundraisers as he beds down by Lake Windermere for a night of sponsored discomfort at Cumbria Community Foundation's annual Big Sleep event on 28th January.

The Big Sleep is held in aid of the charity's Winter Warmth Appeal which helps vulnerable older people in Cumbria who struggle to heat their homes during the cold winter months. The appeal helps keep older people in our county warm and safe in the winter.

Fuel poverty is a serious issue in Cumbria. Recent figures from the Office of National Statistics revealed a sharp increase in the number of excess winter deaths in Cumbria. Bad winters have seen as many as 300 excess winter deaths in the county, but this figure has leapt 50 percent to 460 in the latest figures for the winter of 2014 /15.

Peter McCall said: "The Big Sleep event is a great idea, and I am looking forward to taking part because I believe it is such a worthwhile cause. By



raising money for the Winter Warmth Appeal, so many people show that they care for others in our community and it helps to raise awareness that we need to look out for our elderly neighbours. I hope we may be able to help prevent some of the 300+ deaths that sadly occur in Cumbria each winter due to the cold. It is also a novel way to spend one's birthday!"

Andy Beeforth, Chief Executive at Cumbria Community Foundation said:

"I am delighted that Peter has chosen to spend his birthday with us at the Big Sleep. It's a great challenge and also a lot of fun. There's live music, family entertainment, a film plus more surprises on the evening. I'm sure it will be a birthday he'll never forget."

It's not too late for teams, families and individuals to take on the fundraising challenge which will be held in front of the Low Wood Bay Hotel in Windermere next Saturday.

To enter visit www.cumbriafoundation.org/bigsleep or phone 01900 825760. You don't have to sleep out to raise money for the appeal; anyone can donate to the Winter Warmth Fund. Visit www.cumbriafoundation.org/winter-warmth-fund, phone 01900 825760 or text WINT37 and your amount to 70070.

Heritage Bus Service



The Leyland National bus is seen leaving Skinburness

For the first time, a heritage bus service operated between Workington and Skinburness on Boxing Day 2016.

Operated by the Workington Transport Heritage Group the service utilised the trusts 1978 built Leyland National Mk1. This vehicle was built at the Leyland National factory at Lillyhall on the outskirts of Workington and was built as a demonstrator vehicle for a new type of transmission that Leyland

were at the time looking to offer to bus operators around the country. After its days as a demonstrator it was converted back to a conventional bus and entered normal passenger service.

The Workington Transport Heritage Trust acquired the bus a few years ago and set about restoring it to its original livery.

The Boxing day services, which were partially supported by Silloth Town Council, ran four round

trips along the coast and carried over 100 passengers, some visiting relatives, some travelling to the Boxing day sales and others just enjoying a ride along the coast in a vintage bus.

The success of the vintage bus operation in Silloth will hopefully lead to other occasions where they appear in the town, possibly at one of the summer events held on the Green, giving visitors to the town an opportunity to ride on a bus from a bygone era.



The last run of the day prepares to depart Eden Street under the Silloth Christmas Lights

When is Easter?

Report by: Ralph Pickering

This week's imponderable...

Why doesn't Easter have a fixed date like Christmas does?

Originally, Easter was celebrated on the same day as the Jewish Passover. Since the Jewish calendar is lunar, Passover can fall on any day of the week. The Church wanted to ensure that Easter would at least fall on a

Sunday so, after discussions that went on until the 8th century, it officially adopted the following simple formula:

Easter Day is the first Sunday subsequent to the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21st). Thus, it can occur as early as March 22nd and as late as April 25th (that is, if the full moon after the equinox falls on a Sunday, Easter follows a week later).

Teacher Bee Mr Maxwell
by Matthew Ellwood
from
Silloth Primary School



Christian Fellowship

Report by: Penny Stimson

On Sunday 18th December 2016, St Andrews Church opened its doors at 1pm to all the Churches in Silloth, inviting the congregations to a light Christmas buffet lunch. Fifty people attended and to the twinkle of the tree lights and Christmas decorations we all enjoyed an afternoon of Christian Fellowship.

How lovely Silloth is to have all the Churches working so closely together with such love and friendship.

Waver Wine Circle

Report by: Jan Jones

In December we met at the Wheyrigg Hotel for our annual Christmas Dinner. Nineteen members and guests attended and enjoyed an excellent meal provided by Helen and her team. Again we would like to thank the staff at the Wheyrigg for looking after us so well.

After great food, quizzes and plenty of craic everyone left well satisfied.



For the January meeting members were invited to the home of members Chris and Sue Russell for a 'Hot Toddy' evening. This was a great success, with the first offering being a Pembrokeshire Punch with a lovely fruity flavour, followed by the 'Lumumba' not a dance but a punch consisting of hot chocolate and brandy, which satisfied any sugar cravings.

Chris and Sue then offered their third choice a Bicardi-cart - hot buttered rum with cloves etc. Finally was a Spanish Mulled Wine gifted by Rod Bray.

All these toddies, together with Stella Graham's cheese and biscuits made for an ideal winter's evening entertainment.

Many thanks to Chris and Sue, who fittingly won the draw prize, for a lovely evening.

Our next meeting will be on 8th February at Blencogo Village Hall.

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What a Way to Start the Day



Joe & Mary come from Scotland to enjoy their caravan at Stanwix Park where they enjoy everything, especially this sunrise

It's Time to Save

New Year, New Energy Costs
Residents across Allerdale are being encouraged to sign up to the latest 'Big Allerdale Switch' initiative this winter, which has been rolled out for the New Year to help people save money on their energy bills.

During the most recent auction held in October 2016, householders in the borough saved an average of £223 on their annual energy costs. The 'collective energy switching' scheme groups people together to help them save money on their gas and electricity bills and can be used by those on dual-fuel, separate supplier contracts or on pre-payment meters.

The Big Allerdale Switch is completely free to join, really simple to do, and at no point in the process are residents under any obligation to actually switch energy providers if they decide to change their minds.

Anyone wishing to join the scheme should register online by Monday 13th February 2017 by visiting www.allerdale.gov.uk/warmhomes and follow the links. Full details of annual energy consumption and current supplier is needed to sign up.

The next auction will be held on Tuesday 14th February 2017 and residents will then be informed of how much they can save should they decide to switch.

Councillor Carni McCarron Holmes, Allerdale Borough Council's Executive Member for Housing, said: "This is the fourth year that the Council has run the

scheme and year on year people have been able to make considerable savings on their current energy deal, so we are delighted to be able to continue offering this opportunity to residents. It costs nothing at all to register your interest to switch and you could end up saving hundreds of pounds in the long run. It's really simple - the more people who sign up, the more the potential savings may be."

Councillor Barbara Cannon, Executive Member for Corporate Resources, added: "One of the Council's main priorities is tackling inequality, and so we will continue to promote, champion and co-ordinate schemes like this to ensure people are getting the best possible value from their energy supplies. We recognise that following the Christmas period purse strings are tight and people often struggle to make ends meet. We will therefore do what we can to help our residents to cut their fuel bills and reduce the fuel poverty risk for the people of Allerdale."

Allerdale Borough Council is running the switching initiative as part of the Big Community Switch, a scheme involving a number of local authorities throughout Great Britain. The Big Community Switch is operated by i-Choose, an independent company with experience in collective switching schemes. It works by setting up a reverse auction and inviting energy suppliers to offer their cheapest dual fuel and electricity only deals.

Community Grants Opportunity

Cumbria County Council has funding available in your area



Community grants are available for voluntary, not for profit and community groups for community based projects which meet the County Council grants criteria, which includes meeting one of our council priorities.

The remaining grant panel date North West Allerdale is: 10 February 2017 and the closing date for applications is 27 January 2017.

Criteria and Council Priorities

Grants are available to not-for-profit, community organisations towards projects that meet the County Council grants criteria, which includes meeting one of our council priorities. The current priorities are:

Cumbria County Council Priorities 2016-2019

- To safeguard children and support families and schools so that all children in Cumbria can grow up in a safe environment, and can fulfil their potential.
- To support older, disabled and vulnerable people to live independent and healthy lives.
- To enable communities to help shape their local services, promote health and wellbeing and support those in poverty.
- To provide a safe

and well managed highways network, secure infrastructure improvements and support local economic growth.

- To be a modern and efficient council.

Our overall focus for Allerdale for 2014-17

- Promoting sustainable economic growth and creating jobs
- Improving health and wellbeing and tackling poverty
- Providing safe and well maintained roads and an effective transport network
- Safeguarding children and improving educational achievement
- Supporting older and vulnerable people to live independent and healthy lives

0-19 Priorities

- Providing access to play, recreational, leisure or

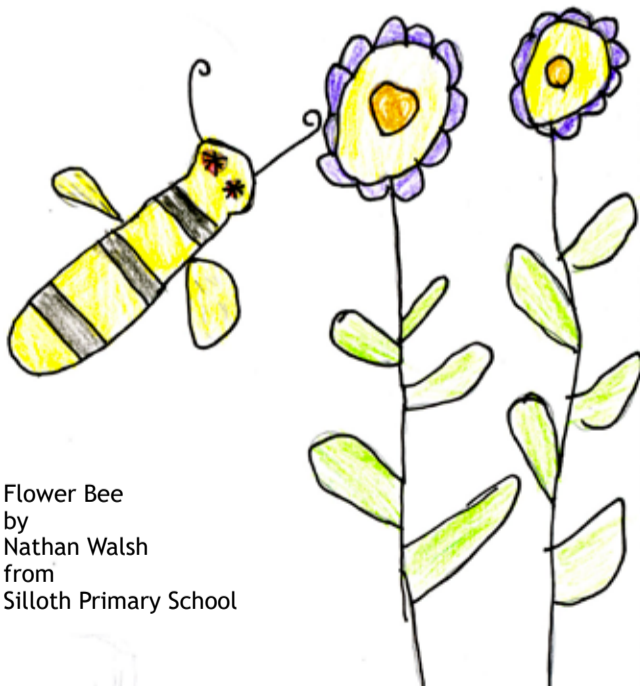
outdoor activities

- Providing access to care or educational activities
- Providing access to safe and enjoyable places for children and young people
- Providing access to holiday, weekend or out of school activities
- Enabling children and young people's involvement and participation
- Supporting children and young people to take part in volunteering or community action

For further information on available funding visit www.cumbria.gov.uk/yourcommunitysupport or contact one of the teams Community

Development Officer:

Keswick, North East Allerdale and North West Allerdale is Sally Scales
T: 01900 706188, E: sally.scales@cumbria.gov.uk



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by Nathan Walsh
from Silloth Primary School



Farmer Bee
by Kieran from Holme St Cuthbert Primary School



Fishy Bee
by Reece Carr
from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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Did You Register?

Serious about safety? Remember to register at www.registermyappliance.org.uk

On Register My Appliance Day (19th January), appliance manufacturers were reminding their customers that they can instantly improve their home safety by taking a few minutes to register the white goods that they rely on every day, have never registered, and completely forgot they own.

As part of the Fire Kills campaign, Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service is backing this sensible and simple precaution, to ensure that householders can be contacted swiftly if a safety repair is ever needed.

As a bonus, to tempt owners to register their January sale bargains or the thousands of older models already running in their homes, many of the 60 leading brands on www.registermyappliance.org.uk are offering to enter registrants into free draws for a range of desirable prizes.

The latest YouGov survey for the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Appliances (AMDEA) has found that less than half (43%) of British adults usually register their large domestic appliances with the manufacturer. Of those that don't always register, 39% said this was because they forgot and 29% didn't think it was necessary. Potentially they all



risk missing out on product safety warnings.

According to recent official estimates, UK homes are currently using around 93 million (92.7m) wet and dry large appliances. They are kept for ten or many more years yet, unlike cars, the vast majority are untraceable and have never had a health check.

The YouGov survey also revealed that 70% of British adults with a fridge or fridge freezer over ten years old have never had a professional review or check to verify if they are safely connected or running correctly.

The Register My Appliance web portal was designed by AMDEA to make it quicker and easier for the public to register both new and older appliances. By simply clicking on the brand logo the user reaches a data entry form linked directly to the relevant manufacturer, where the vast majority accept registrations of products up to twelve years

old. It is supported by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, along with the majority of safety and consumer groups.

Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service urges the public to register any recent purchases and not to forget about their older appliances:

Remembering to register household appliances is a vital part of keeping one's home and family safe. These products are the workhorses of the home, often running daily and for many years, but it is all too easy to forget about them. Getting into the habit of spending a few minutes on www.registermyappliance.org.uk guarantees the household will receive any relevant safety messages from the manufacturer and they should respond immediately. This simple admin task should become second nature to anyone who is serious about home safety.

On Register My Appliance Day manufacturers sent reminders to over 4 million consumers. With supporters including RoSPA, Trading Standards, Citizens Advice, Electrical Safety First and the National Landlords Association using both regional press and social media to promote registration on www.registermyappliance.org.uk

Brian Gets His Big Chance

Making it as a musician is difficult, especially when there are thousands of others just like myself who all have the same goal in mind, becoming a professional record selling artist.

Most people don't make it to the "big time". Some make a great living singing and playing in pubs and clubs, I certainly don't blame them, it's great when you have a packed-out pub all dancing and cheering to your performance.

As much as I admire fellow performers and their accomplishments around the county, I couldn't settle for that. I had to revive my lost trade and put it to good use once again. I entered the Soundwaves music competition, with the chance of playing a major gig at the O2 academy in Newcastle to win a variety of prizes. Apparently for the 2015 competition over 1,000 people from the North of England alone applied. 3,000 people applied this year in total, not all of them made it to the audition stage, I had very little hope. An email changed that. I had been selected into the final 300 based on my experiences alone. Considering I hadn't played a concert in over four years I was over the moon. I needed practice and quick, with only four weeks for the first audition. I began reviving the one thing I felt good at and to date, since May the gigs have been rolling in.

Exactly as I expected I made it to the live performance audition. Along with the first audition this one also took place at The Head Of Steam in Newcastle. I had been playing a lot more by this time, gaining more confidence. I had recently stopped smoking (I've stopped smoking for six months in total now) and had a brand new voice, or at least one I hadn't heard in years. A brand new range of songs I couldn't have sung before. I aced it. It was a long anxious wait for the next set of results. Again it was great news. I did it.

Next, I had to post a video in my own home with a selection of songs I believed I could sing well, with flair and confidence. Bon Jovi -



Bed Of Roses. A song I could captivate an audience with, along with the select few judges. Now it was a week long wait for a phone call. Never had a week of staring at a phone been so long and nerve racking.

I got my phone call, yes I am going to the O2 academy and yes I am going to do my best to bring a win home. I've only lived in Cumbria for seven years, I do see it as my home, however, I'm actually going to be playing in home territory as I'm from the North East. I need to perform a ten minute set in front of a maximum of 2,000 people. I can't do it alone and would like to invite you all to watch me perform.

It's not often an act from this area gets an opportunity to play in what could be such a major life changing show, which record label scouts

will be attending, then I could end up becoming a signed recording artist. The prize for the competition is a luxurious days recording session in a top recording studio. I just want to show what this area in terms of talent has and do us all proud. Win or lose I hope I have your support.

I have tickets readily available for general public sales, the show starts at 6pm and ends at 10pm on the 4th of February. Tickets are £6.50, so for a 4 hour show that's not bad at all.

If you would like to buy any tickets from me, feel free to contact me from my Facebook page which is: <https://m.facebook.com/briansmithmusic92/>

Or you can contact me by mobile on: 07958 319349.

Or you can email me: b.smith92@icloud.com.

Lloyds Bank Fraud Letters

Lloyds customers should be on the lookout for a new sophisticated fraud that involves fraudsters sending fake bank letters.

The convincing letters being sent are a replica template from Lloyds and include their logo, address and signature from a customer service representative.

The letter tells recipients that there have been some "unusual transactions" on their personal account and asks them to call a number highlighted in bold to

confirm they are genuine.

When victims call the number, an automated welcome message is played and the caller is asked to enter their card number, account number and sort code followed by their date of birth. Victims are then instructed to enter the first and last digit of their security number.

The fraud was spotted by the Daily Telegraph who was alerted to it by a reader who had three identical letters sent to an office address. On separate occasions the Daily Telegraph ran some tests using fake details and were passed to fraudsters who

claimed to be from a Lloyds contact centre. The bank has confirmed that the phone number and letters are fake.

The letters are essentially a sophisticated phishing attempt and serves as a warning to consumers to question written correspondence from their banks.

If you are ever suspicious about correspondence from your bank you should call the customer serviced number on the back of their card.

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Rocking Abbey Raise £1,300



Report by: Brian Melville

A concert was held in Holme Cultram Abbey, Abbeytown in November to raise funds for the

maintenance of the Abbey.

The concert was given by "All Saints Community Rock Squad" from Cockermouth and attended by over 120

people who enjoyed a mixture of rock and pop songs.

The sum raised was a fantastic £1,300.

Fire Kills - Top Kitchen Tips

Fire Kills: Top tips for staying safe in the kitchen

During February half term, many children across Cumbria will be spending more time in the kitchen with their parents, carers and families. Whether they're lending a hand or simply seeking a snack, it's important to make sure that they know the hazards of a hot hob. So as part of the Fire Kills campaign, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging parents and carers to make any kitchen activities a chance for kids to learn about cooking safety.

Mark Ducie, Community Safety Manager, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, said: "There are lots of creative ways to teach kids about cooking fire safety. And, it's

absolutely vital that they know what to do if the worst should happen. So alongside the melting, mixing and making, why not take the chance to pass on your fire safety know-how? Test your smoke alarms as part of the activity. And remember, never leave a child alone with a hot hob, and help keep them safe by moving matches and saucepan handles out of their reach."

Children don't have to be in the kitchen to change the way you work - distraction while cooking is a main cause of fire call-outs right across the country.

Mark Ducie continued: "Half of all accidental fires in the home start in the kitchen - often because of distractions like phone calls or family. So whatever happens elsewhere in your home, always make sure you have one eye on the hob or oven."

The Fire Kills campaign's top tips for staying safe in the kitchen are:

Take care if you need to leave the kitchen whilst cooking. Take pans off the heat or turn them down to avoid risk.

If a pan catches fire, don't take any risks - Get Out, Stay Out, and Call 999. Double check the hob is off when you've finished cooking.

Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.

Take care if you're wearing loose clothing - this can easily catch fire.

Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe.

Take care with electrics - keep leads and appliances away from water and place grills and toasters away from curtains and kitchen rolls.

Keep your equipment clean and in good working order. A build-up of fat and grease can ignite a fire.

Don't cook after drinking alcohol.

Hot oil can catch fire easily - be careful that it doesn't overheat.

Never throw water on a chip pan fire.

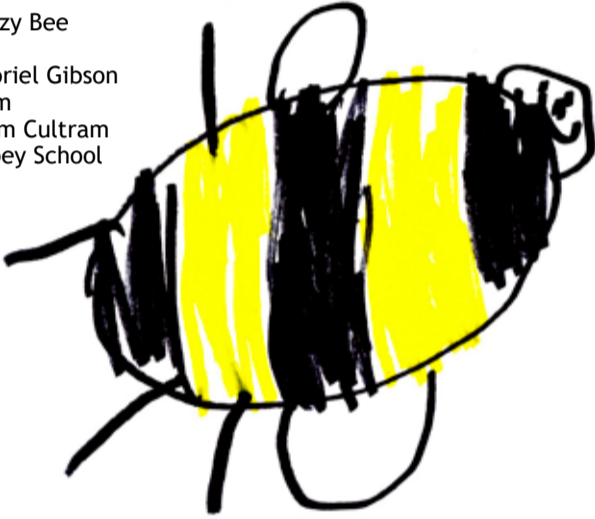
In the event of a fire, have an escape plan in place.

Don't take risks by tackling a fire. Get out, stay out and call 999.

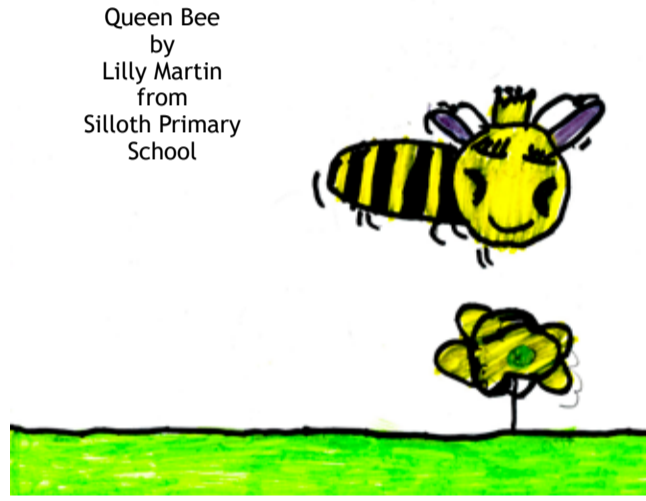
Make sure you have at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home and test them monthly.

If you are unsure if your smoke alarms are in working order or you would like further fire safety information please call Cumbria Fire and Rescue on our Freephone number - 0800 3584777.

Buzzy Bee by Gabriel Gibson from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Queen Bee by Lilly Martin from Silloth Primary School



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Community Projects Get £100,000

Cumbria Community Foundation recently awarded £100,000 to community projects and individuals across West Cumbria at their latest Grants Committee.

The West Cumbria Grants Panel approved applications from twenty charitable organisations that run a range of projects, including a new dementia initiative and a support group for young carers.

Age UK West Cumbria received £5,000 to develop volunteer led dementia support groups across Allerdale. A Dementia Action Alliance is formed by a group of stakeholders in a community who come together to identify and take forward initiatives that can make a community more dementia friendly. Groups have already formed in Aspatria, Workington, Cockermouth and Maryport. The funding will go towards the initial volunteer and venue costs, as well as a launch event which is planned for later this year. Mary Bradley, Chief Executive of Age UK West Cumbria, said: "The number of people with dementia is increasing and the disease has become the primary diagnosis for death in later life. People with dementia experience different issues

depending on the stage of the disease. They are often marginalised because people think that inability to do one thing means they can't do anything."

West Cumbria Carers received £11,246 from the Solway Fund to deliver three support groups for young carers in the Maryport and Workington area. The groups will give youngsters the opportunity to meet with other young carers and talk about similar issues in a supportive environment, while also taking a break from their caring role. The sessions will also encourage school staff and students to develop a better understanding of young carers and the issues they face. Clare Edwards, Project and Funding Development Manager at West Cumbria Carers, said: "Being a young carer is physically demanding and emotionally draining. Many young carers struggle at school and leave with low grades or no qualifications. The group sessions aim to instil young carers with confidence and reduce feelings of isolation by developing a peer support network. Young carers will be able to better engage with school or college because their educational environment will have a better understanding of

their caring role and how it impacts on their school life."

Among the many other grants awarded was £13,680 for the refurbishment of Allonby Village Hall.

Annalee Holliday, Grants & Donor Services Officer, at Cumbria Community Foundation, said: "We are grateful for our fundholders' generosity to enable us to support the many and varied community projects in our area."

Applications for the next round of funding need to be submitted by Friday 24th February 2017 to be reviewed by the panel on Wednesday 22nd March 2017. For more information or to apply visit www.cumbriafoundation.org or contact the grants team on 01900 825760.



Neil
by Abbey Roper
from
Holm Cultram Abbey School

Our Soldiers Need You

Soldiers in Silloth is closed for the winter but plans are going ahead to reopen at Easter (and for February Half-Term). The Community World War One exhibition has now been closed and we're very grateful to all those people who lent or gave us family heirlooms to show the involvement of local people in that dreadful conflict. Thank you vey much.

The toy museum has been in operation nearly five years now and we've welcomed visitors from all over the world, quite a few of whom travelled to Silloth specially to see our unique collection. We even had a visit from a retired General!

Cumbrian writer Hunter Davies dropped in quite by accident - he thought the building was still a pub - and



wrote an article in 'Cumbria Life' magazine.

Sadly the number of volunteers to open the building and greet visitors has diminished as people get older or leave the town and two of our most loved friends have sadly passed away. We would very much like to have more people available.

Basically the job is quite straightforward - to open the building, take money (!) for tickets and merchandise which people want to buy and to just be available to talk to people and help children with the activity sheets we offer. The bonus is the opportunity to get to know the exhibition in depth and find out about history

from the ancient Egyptians to the Gulf War. Being able to share this information is great fun and many comments in our Visitors' Book remark on the friendly and helpful staff.

To find out more about us go to www.soldiersinsilloth.co.uk.

If you would like to get involved and could spare even three hours a week, please contact Tim Barker on 016973 31246.

Arthritis Support Group

Report by: Eleanor Hodgson

The annual lunch was held at Greenhill Hotel on January 13th 2017.

Margaret Armstrong proposed a vote of thanks and presented flowers to Gladys Temple retiring Secretary and Mary Harrison retiring Treasurer for all their work over the years.

Eleanor Hodgson took over as Secretary and Glynis Mackie as Treasurer.

A collection was taken instead of a raffle and £60 was raised for the Jigsaw appeal. The next meeting will be held on 3rd February at Fairview Court Wigton at 1:30pm, the speaker will be arthritis nurse Paul Gibson. All are welcome.

STANWIX PARK Retro Music Weekend 5

10/11/12 March 2017

RMW is a nostalgia fuelled drive to keep the old songs alive!!

Alexanders Palace
FRIDAY NIGHT HEADLINER

This is a superb throwback to the 70s and 80s epic pop/rock classics. Alexander Edwards and his band perform barnstorming versions of all those big haired rock masterpieces we all love - Journey, Whitesnake, Bon Jovi, Bryan Adams, Meatloaf and the rest.

The Bootleg Sixties
SATURDAY NIGHT HEADLINER

After huge demand from RMW regulars we have secured after much negotiation the return of the biggest tribute to that massive musical decade of the 1960s. If you missed it last time then don't be a fool twice!

Keep The Faith
Featuring Sarah Collins.
SUNDAY NIGHT HEADLINER

This northern soul band is taking the North of England by storm. Perfect vocals and perfect musicianship ensure that this ever popular avenue of music is never forgotten.

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Mick's Charity Nights Raise Over £25,000!



What a way to bow out. Mick Satterthwaite would just like to thank everybody who attended and supported the charity night at Stanwix Park on the 19th November.

Over the last twenty years Mick has organised various charity nights, raising over £25,000 pounds. All the proceeds of which have been given to various charities in the town. This would not have been possible without the support of you the general public and various companies who have donated raffle prizes, and the venues where the charity nights have been held. All of whom have supported Mick over the years.

Four years ago it was decided that he would hold three charity nights; the proceeds were donated to the Silloth Lifeboat, the Children's Heart Foundation in Newcastle Freeman Hospital and Silloth First Responders. Mick has been a part of the Silloth Lifeboat team and the Silloth First Responders for a number of years and he knows how much these voluntary agencies are valued and required within our small town.

The last charity night in November raised £1,000 on the night with another generous donation given by Stephen Stanwix after the event, it was decided that the following groups within the town would receive a share



of the proceeds raised:
Silloth Brownie's
Silloth Cub's
Silloth Junior Football
Silloth Netball team
The Good Companions
Silloth Nursing Home
Silloth rainbow group
Mick would like to thank the staff and management of Stanwix Holiday Park, Sophie Leslie, Ruby's Runawayz, The Wanderers and Andy Johnstone for an absolute fantastic night, enjoyed by over 200 people that attended.

He would also like to thank everyone who has helped him over the years, (Rue & the Rockets, Paul Briggs, The Solway Buzz). All the local businesses and individuals who have donated raffle prizes and have helped to make these nights such a success, also

to the people selling raffle tickets etc.
Many Thanks.

Presentation photos from
Top L-R:
Silloth Brownies,
Silloth Netball Team,
Silloth Cubs & Scouts,
Silloth Rainbows,
Silloth Junior Football Team.



Mick presents a cheque to the Good Companions

**Holme Cultram Abbey
Lent Lunches**

Thursday 2nd March
Thursday 9th March
Thursday 16th March
Thursday 23rd March
Thursday 30th March
Thursday 6th April

12.00pm - 1.00pm

In the Abbey Tea Room
Soup, Bread, Tea/Coffee and
Cheese & biscuits

ABBETOWN CARNIVAL

QUIZ NIGHT

AT THE WHEATSHEAF INN, ABBETOWN

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY AT 7.00PM

Entry Fee £10 per Team
(Max 5 People per Team)

Please register your team with one of the following committee members:
Emma Bennett, Laura Sim, Catherine Penrice, Beeby Bell, Ryan Carr & Steven Pattinson Or Via Abbetown Carnival Facebook Page

Crib Service & Nativity at Christ Church

Report by:
Revd Canon Bryan Rothwell

Christ Church hosted its annual Crib Service and Nativity on Christmas Eve with young and old coming together to remember the story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

The nativity story was told using a new children's book produced by the Bible Society called "The Well Good News of Christmas" accompanied by pictures from the book on the projector screen. As the story unfolded, children assembled at the front of the church to enact the stable scene in which Jesus was born and the figures were placed in the crib.

Traditional carols were accompanied on the organ by Daniel Rothwell.

For those who came the service was a wonderful start to their celebrations of Christmas.



Midnight Mass

Report by:
Jennifer Bailey

Christmas Eve was a cold, windy, rainy day.

I didn't feel even remotely "Christmassy" as I delivered my last cards around the town. No family coming for the festivities, no children getting excited about "The Night Before Christmas" (if you ever get a chance to hear Penny Stimson recite the story - don't miss it!) No snow to bring that tingle in the air that heralds the jingling of bells in the night sky. No carol singers at the door - where have they all gone? Why do children only knock on doors at Halloween now?


I'd thought earlier in the day of going to Christ Church for the Midnight Mass, but as the day wore on and I grew tired and weary, the thought began to diminish. Then later on, spirits a bit revived, I decided I would go, not overly

religious, but I do enjoy organ music and especially carols, so at the stroke of 11:15pm I set off for the church.

Christ Church was beautifully decorated with a glorious tree and star, decorations scattered throughout the church, with homemade wreaths and sparkly things. The organ, beautifully played by Marjorie Harrison and the carols, all gave me that Christmas feeling I'd hoped for on Christmas Eve.

At the end of the service, we all came out to the quiet expectant streets of the town, thinking about all those tiny heads on pillows, waiting to see in the morning if "he's been" then home to a Christmas sherry and my first present opened, then up the wooden stairs...

Hope you all had a really lovely Christmas and will have a very untroubled 2017.




Your Police Your Say!


Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner
Peter McCall
is hosting a
Public Meeting
on
Tuesday 31 January 2017
Silloth Community Hall
7.00pm - 9.00pm

Please come along and share your views about policing
All Welcome

There will also be representatives from the local policing team present



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Copy Date ➔

Copy date for the April issue is: **1st March 2017**

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

Civic Amenity Sites

Operated by Cumbria County Council. Tel: 01228 606060 Maryport Tip, tel 01900 66922 open daily 8am to 6pm Wigton Tip, tel 016973 45617 open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 6pm

Abbeytown Library

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

Production Team

Proprietor: Peter McRobert Barn Cottage Skinburness, CA7 4RA Tel: 016973 32180 Email: office@solwaybuzz.co.uk

Editorial Content This is down to you, we can only publish items if you send them to us.

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.

Football Training

Silloth Football Club Juniors in Silloth Sports Hall

(Mini Gulls under 7 years) Sundays at 10:30 to 11:30am Contact Geoff Grainger 016973 43370 Under 10's Training Wednesdays 5pm to 6pm Contacts Martin Slack & Paul Mulgrew 07526 665759

Open to boys and girls. Cost £2 Membership forms available from all coaches.

Men's Team

Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm Silloth RUFC pitch (free) Thursdays 7pm to 8pm Silloth School Sports Hall Cost £1 October to end of March Colin Baty: 016973 34223

Abbeytown Girls Abbeytown Sports Field

Wednesdays 4-5pm

Kickboxing Club

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

Clubercise Dance

Stanwix Park Holiday Centre The Sunset Inn, Every TUESDAY 5:45pm to 6:45pm. Glow sticks, 90's to present day dance hits. Just Show up! Call Gayle 07725 990062 for more information.

Silloth Tennis Club

For coaching information call David Wise on 07742 547767

Ladies Fellowship

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

Breast-feeding Group

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

Arthritis Support

Wigton Area Arthritis Support Group meet on 1st Friday each month at West Street Bowling Club, Wigton @ 1:30pm, details from Gladys 016973 43964

Martial Arts

Silloth Dragons Mixed Martial Arts Club train in Christ Church Hall on Thursdays under 12's 6:45pm to 7:30pm 12's & over 7:30pm to 8:30pm NEW MEMBERS WELCOME For further details contact Stephen on 07811 761033

January 2017

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

31st Police & crime Commissioner meeting in Silloth Community Hall, 7-9pm, all welcome, see advert

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, Petteril Street at 7pm

7th St Andrews Church Our Doors Open noon to 1pm

9th Causewayhead WI meet in the Community Hall at 2pm, all welcome

10th Quiz Night at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Abbeytown see advert

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

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

14th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

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

25th St Andrews Church Pancakes & Coffee 10am-noon

28th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

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

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.

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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, Petteril Street at 7pm

9th Causewayhead WI meet in the Community Hall at 2pm, all welcome

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

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18th St Andrews Church Beetle Drive with Food 7-9pm

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

28th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

April

1st St Andrews Church Bingo 2pm to 4pm

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

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

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11th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

12th Causewayhead WI meet in the Community Hall at 7:15pm, all welcome

15th St Andrews Church Cream Teas 2pm-4pm

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

25th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

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

RNLI Shop

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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.

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, Petteril Street at 7pm

9th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

9th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

10th Causewayhead WI meet in the Community Hall at 7:15pm, all welcome

13th St Andrews Church Cockermouth Ukulele Band 60's music + food, 7pm-9:30pm

23rd Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

28th Silloth Green Day

June

3rd St Andrews Church Bingo 2pm-4pm

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

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9th SSW7 at Stanwix Park

10th Silloth Vintage Rally

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11th Silloth Vintage Rally

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14th Causewayhead WI meet in the Community Hall at 7:15pm, all welcome

20th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

23rd Ragnarock Rally 4 at Silloth Rugby Club

24th Ragnarock Rally 4 at Silloth Rugby Club

25th Ragnarock Rally 4 at Silloth Rugby Club

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 12pm to 4pm 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. 016973 31915

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

July

1st St Andrews Church American Night with food and Country Music by Cockermouth Ukulele Band 7pm-9:30pm

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

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29th St Andrews Church Bingo 2pm-4pm

August

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

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

5th Abbeytown Carnival

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

15th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

25th Solfest

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

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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

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,

On behalf of my Mam, Margaret Moore, I would be very grateful if you could place a thank you in your next addition. She has been very busy crocheting poppies, 110 in total, selling them to family and friends, she raised a fantastic £220. This was all donated to a very worthwhile charity Help for Heroes. Thank you

Helen Sharp



Dear Buzz,

My partner and I spend a bit of time in car parks watching the world go by. It's called "retirement" We have recently observed several kinds of bird that we do not recognise. Presumably they are winter migrants, our bird book is not helpful. Some black and white birds have a long tail and a black bar on a white wing, others have a stubby tail. None of them are magpies. There are also some cute sparrow sized birds that potter about on the tarmac in small groups. The herring gulls, kittiwakes, rooks, and starlings we know. The others we hope to learn about and trust that Buzz readers can oblige. Yours faithfully

Mike & Wendy

Dear Buzz,

A WARNING!
I was contacted by a pleasant young lady who said she was with BT and who wanted me to open my computer while on the phone. This appeared a bit strange, so I said I was unable to get to the computer at the moment. She said she would phone back later. Meanwhile I contacted BT. They said this was a SPAM attack, an attempt to hack into my system, and so ignore it. SO, if you have any similar experience, contact your broadband provider independently and check.

Mike Madden

Dear Buzz,

Through your paper we wish to publicly thank Mr Carr, Manager of Silloth Co-op, and all his lovely staff, for the help and support they give to our community project of 'OUR DOORS OPEN'. This generosity is deeply welcomed by all who attend 'OUR DOORS OPEN' every Tuesday from 12 to 1pm, for free light lunches in a happy and very friendly atmosphere at St. Andrews Hall. We are closed now until Tuesday 7th February 2017 12 - 1pm. Thank you once again Silloth Co-op for your help with 'OUR DOORS OPEN'. With kind regards to you all,

Penny Stimson
Church Secretary

Christmas Lunch Raises £450



Matron Ann Blair receiving the £450 from Christmas Lunch organiser Jackie McCormick

The Convalescent Home received £450 and three bottles of wine from all the lovely donations from people both before the Christmas Day Lunch in Silloth Cafe and after.

The businesses and people in Silloth were all amazing pulling together and donating

everything that was used on the day.

Alison Henderson gave us her premises, John Smart made the entire meal, Theresa-Ann Bell served and cleaned and Glen Holder provided transport for those that needed it. A great big thank you to each and everyone.

Poems

DREAMBOAT
by Mrs Jennifer Bailey

She came through fog and mist and waves,
Her bounty carried far,
To berth in calmer waters
Safe from ocean's angry roar.

She had no name, for as I know
She wasn't really there,
I saw her in a troubled dream
Which was too hard to bear.

My love had left to sail the seas
His fortune there to make.
That we may wed on his return
Instead, made my heart break.

For on a night of mist and storm
My dear sweet love was lost,
Doomed, forever left to sail
On Neptune's turmoil tossed.

NEW YEARS EVE
by Penny Stimson

I was sleeping soundly
Soundly as a lamb
When from out of nowhere
There came this mighty bang.

I jumped out of my bed
And to the window did go
The bangs they did continue
What made them I had to know.

Fireworks, they were splendid
As all around they fell,
But unfortunately they continued
Till long after twelve.

It was lovely to see them
As the new year they saw in
But to one who was asleep in bed
They were a terrible din.

When all is done and over
This must I feel be said
Enjoy it for a little while
And then go into bed!



Rainbow Bee
by Rebecca Slater
from Holme St Cuthbert Primary School



Thunderdash
by William Beverley
from Holm Cultram Abbey School

DO YOU HAVE A POEM OR LETTER FOR THE BUZZ?
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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 Lily-Mae Parker from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee drawing called "Rainbow Bee".

Well done!



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FEBRUARY 2017								SILLOTH							
Date	DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE														
	High Water				Low Water										
	Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon								
	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m							
1 W	02 13	7.1	14 31	7.3	09 11	-0.7	21 35	-0.8							
2 TH	02 55	6.9	15 15	7.1	09 49	-0.5	22 14	-0.6							
3 F	03 41	6.5	16 06	6.7	10 31	-0.3	22 59	-0.4							
4 SA	04 36	6.2	17 06	6.3	11 22	-0.1	23 55	-0.1							
5 SU	05 44	5.7	18 21	6.0			12 28	0.1							
6 M	07 05	5.6	19 41	6.0	01 09	0.1	13 52	0.1							
7 TU	08 23	5.9	20 56	6.2	02 31	0.1	15 15	-0.1							
8 W	09 30	6.4	21 59	6.6	03 48	-0.2	16 28	-0.4							
9 TH	10 25	6.9	22 53	7.1	04 53	-0.5	17 31	-0.8							
10 F	11 14	7.3	23 40	7.3	05 50	-0.8	18 24	-1.1							
11 SA	11 58	7.6			06 40	-1.0	19 11	-1.3							
12 SU	00 20	7.5	12 38	7.7	07 23	-1.1	19 54	-1.3							
13 M	01 00	7.4	13 17	7.6	08 01	-1.1	20 32	-1.2							
14 TU	01 38	7.3	13 54	7.4	08 38	-0.9	21 06	-0.9							
15 W	02 13	7.0	14 29	7.1	09 09	-0.6	21 36	-0.6							
16 TH	02 47	6.6	15 05	6.6	09 38	-0.4	22 05	-0.3							
17 F	03 26	6.2	15 44	6.1	10 08	-0.1	22 35	0.1							
18 SA	04 09	5.7	16 32	5.5	10 44	0.3	23 16	0.4							
19 SU	05 03	5.2	17 34	5.0	11 33	0.6									
20 M	06 14	4.9	18 56	4.8	00 16	0.7	12 47	0.8							
21 TU	07 34	4.9	20 16	4.9	01 39	0.8	14 14	0.7							
22 W	08 47	5.2	21 22	5.3	02 56	0.6	15 27	0.4							
23 TH	09 40	5.7	22 09	5.9	03 57	0.2	16 25	-0.0							
24 F	10 23	6.3	22 48	6.3	04 47	-0.1	17 14	-0.4							
25 SA	11 01	6.9	23 23	6.7	05 34	-0.5	18 01	-0.7							
26 SU	11 37	7.3	23 58	7.2	06 17	-0.8	18 44	-1.0							
27 M			12 13	7.6	06 59	-1.0	19 25	-1.1							
28 TU	00 34	7.4	12 51	7.7	07 40	-1.1	20 05	-1.3							

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

MARCH 2017								SILLOTH							
Date	DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE														
	High Water				Low Water										
	Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon								
	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m							
1 W	01 12	7.6	13 31	8.0	08 19	-1.1	20 43	-1.1							
2 TH	01 53	7.5	14 13	7.7	08 57	-1.0	21 18	-1.0							
3 F	02 34	7.3	14 56	7.5	09 33	-0.8	21 55	-0.7							
4 SA	03 19	7.0	15 46	7.0	10 14	-0.5	22 37	-0.4							
5 SU	04 13	6.4	16 46	6.4	11 03	-0.1	23 31	-0.0							
6 M	05 22	5.9	18 04	5.9			12 10	0.1							
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8 W	08 10	5.7	20 49	6.0	02 17	0.3	15 05	-0.0							
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15 W	01 10	7.4	13 26	7.4	08 09	-0.9	20 33	-0.9							
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17 F	02 15	6.9	14 30	6.7	09 06	-0.5	21 26	-0.4							
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One of the Visitors to Silloth Dock

Report & Photos by: John Forrester www.shipspotting.com

General cargo vessel PANTA RHEI arrives at the port on a grey afternoon with the final delivery of 2016.

She had set out from Lithuania on Christmas Eve, & after passage through the Baltic Sea, Kiel Canal & English Channel, arrived 7 days later on New year's Eve.

The ship is seen passing smoothly into Marshall Dock and entering the New Dock where she turns & manoeuvres towards the unloading quay.

The vessel is a modern (built 2009) coaster owned by the Dutch company, Wagenborg Shipping, which



is responsible for 170 ships. Piece of trivia: The

unusual name PANTA RHEI translates from Greek as 'everything flows'. Apparently it is derived from a quotation by the philosopher Heraclitus.



December Shipping at the Port of Silloth

Report by: Ian Macpherson, Deputy Harbour Master & Short Sea Pilot

Aye arrived 30th November from Ghent with fertiliser, departed 1st December for Heroya.

Fhen Capella arrived 20th December from Ghent with fertiliser departed 20th December for Vierna in Portugal.

Fri Stream arrived 29th December from La Pallice with wheat departed 30th December for Norway.

Panta Rhei arrived 31st December from Klaipeda with fertiliser.



Dad Bee by Harry from Silloth Primary School

Silloth Seagulls Power Onwards



Report by: Colin Baty
Photos by: Daniel Dockeray

On 7th January Silloth Seagulls travelled to Gosforth (near Seascale) in the Quarter Final of the Conway Cup. On a wet and foggy day, Silloth went behind early and were struggling to contain a physical side, but near half time, Ellis Gardhouse managed to get an equaliser and that settled the team. Reece Blake then put Silloth in the lead in the second half and Silloth dominated all the half without adding anymore to remain 2-1 to Silloth, Shaun Clark was man of the match and they go through to the Semi Finals, opponents and date at the time of press, not known.



Then on 14th January, Silloth were at home to Wigton Harriers in the Quarter Final of the Ken Glover Shield and they produced a dominant and far sharper performance than the previous week. With Ellis Gardhouse powering home a header from Reece Blake's tricky wing play, bamboozling the Wigton defence. Silloth had another two goals incorrectly ruled offside and maintained a stronghold on the game, without adding to the score. And so it remained at 1-0, Calum Casson was named man of the match and they go into the semi finals, again without yet knowing their opponents at the time of press.

in one of their best passing performances of the season but went behind in the first half. Silloth dominated all the game but couldn't get through a resilient defence until Andy Hardman powered a header in the second half from Lewis Little's left wing cross to make it 1-1. Silloth still found it hard to find the winner but after chance after chance, Lewis Mulla curled a beautiful right foot curling shot into the top corner of the net in the 117th minute to win the game 2-1, and The "Bull" was named man of the match.

On 21st January, Silloth played Carlisle City Reserves at home in the Peter Dawson Benevolent Cup. In glorious wintry conditions on a thawed out pitch from over night frost. Silloth putting

A couple of dates for your diary, fixture wise are on the 28/1/17, Silloth are at home to Workington Athletic, the current League Champions and on the 25/2/17 are at home to Penrith in the Quarter Finals of the County Cup. So we are hoping for good crowds to attend both



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Abbeytown Indoor Bowling Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

The new year began with a match at Wigton West Street Bowling Club.

Anne Dalziel welcomed everyone and explained there would be three members of each team playing five ends in each match.

Four matches were played before a lovely supper was served. The winners of the raffle were Bob and Anne Dalziel, Alan Wills. Mike Ford, Mike Gallagher, Richard Fearon, Carol Jones and Gladys Temple. After supper four more matches were played.

Unfortunately Abbeytown members found the mats a challenge and the final score was Wigton 72 and Abbeytown 11.

Michael Faulkner thanked the Wigton members for a friendly evening and invited them back to Abbeytown soon.

- Never disconnect your alarms or take the batteries out if it goes off by mistake.
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Silloth Seagull Old Boys 3-1 Young Boys

Report by: Gareth Lewis

Once again it was time for the annual Silloth A.F.C. (the Seagulls) Boxing Day match between the old boys and the young boys. The game would take on extra significance this year and it would mark the first time the sides would compete for the Michael Aird Memorial Trophy and it was a fitting tribute to our good friend that this inaugural fixture would be of such high quality.

Such is the youthful nature of the current Silloth side that only those under 25 qualified to be a 'young boy' and so that left the Seagulls' top scorer Adam Carr to spearhead the veteran's attack, a decision that in the end would prove decisive. Having lost the toss skipper Robbie Carter knew his old boys side would have to take full advantage of playing the first half down the slope and with the wind to have any chance of being victorious. Thus the veterans started at a high tempo and got their reward early on through Lee Johnston. Jono expertly swept a 35 yard free-kick straight into the top left corner of the goal and the old boys had the lead.

The veterans looked to push on but it was now that the young guns began to get a foot-hold in the game. Calum Casson, Ken Lau and Dave Pearson were controlling possession in the centre of the park



and the returning Graeme Dixon looked in his pomp galloping across the Eden Street Bastion. The real threat though was always the lightning pace of Reece Blake and though right-back Gareth Lewis had so far limited him to only a few half chances it was no surprise when the flying winger was first to react to a shot rebounding off the bar and equalised with a tap-in from two yards.

Now the young Gulls

were in full flow and committed more men forward as they looked to add to their tally. The old boys' defence stayed resolute and with the conditions in their favour the 'route one' counter-attack was always on the cards. Twice the veterans spurned great chances to score before Adam 'Cloyter' Carr ghosted through the heart of the youngster's defence to give the old boys a 2-1 half-time lead.

Playing into the teeth of the wind and up the slope in the second half the veterans knew they had to dig in and prepare for an onslaught. The young Gulls were able to release the talents of Calvin Rowell and Stuart Johnson into midfield to further impose their dominance on a 45 minutes of football which was predominately being played in the old boys' defensive third. The threats were coming from every angle with full-backs Kieron Carr and Carl Lightfoot getting in on the act at every opportunity. Under such relentless pressure the veteran's defence began to bend but it did not break.

With a back four straight from the title winning over 35's side (Philip Scott, David Minnican, Andrew



Pearson and Lee Johnston) the young boys were facing a defence with experience that was second to none. Minnie and Panda especially showing once again that they form one of the most formidable centre-half partnerships that Silloth has ever produced. In front of them was a solid bank of four across the midfield. Liam Wilson, Mark Glencross, Kris Nichol and Graeme Horsley working tirelessly in the trenches to break up as many attacks as they could. Finally, in the sticks was Chris Walsh. A striker by trade Walshy made for an unorthodox but effective custodian whose determination to not be beaten saw him pull off a string of saves, the highlight of which was palming a 40 yard, rasping volley onto the post.

The only respite from the young gun's pressure came from the outstanding hold-up play of legendary Silloth goalscorer David Wise. His link up play with Cloyter and being the first man to Llama's booming goal-kicks

was providing the veteran defenders with a much needed break. Still, though it looked like a matter of when not if the young boys would make the breakthrough. They were now camped on the edge of the old boys' box, hit the bar and Jono was forced to make two stunning clearances off the line. Then the sucker punch came.

Committing so many men forward in an attempt to win the game the young Gulls would always be vulnerable to a counter-attack and in a rare instance of forward play the old boys extended their lead. A quick pass out of defence left Cloyter one on one with his marker and youngster's half of the Bastion at his mercy. His pace took him past his man and straight into the heart of the 18 yard box where he made no mistake in lashing home past Luke Stockdale who was given no chance by the venom of the strike. That was a brace for Cloyter and the veteran's third goal.

With a two goal lead and only 15 minutes remaining it was all hands to the pump for the old boys. Wave after wave of attacks poured down on their goal and eventually the pressure told when once again the pace of

Reece Blake (who must have slipped out of Philip Scott's pocket) took him past the veteran's defence allowing him to slot home from 10 yards. The old boys stayed resolute though and saw the game out to become the first winners of the Michael Aird Memorial Trophy.

This was also the first year in which the Eden Shield (kindly donated by local businessman and long time friend of the club Lyndsey Scott) would be presented to the 'man of the match'. With numerous outstanding displays on both sides it was not an easy choice but in the end the Eden Shield was awarded to Lee 'Jono' Johnston for both his stunning free-kick and goal line saving heroics.

Today was once again another superb Boxing Day fixture between two teams who played with both a spirit and quality which embodies all that is great about the Seagulls. A massive thank you to everybody who took part in the game and to Silloth RUFC New for the post game hospitality.

In 2017 we look forward to watching Colin Ian Baty leading his superb Seagulls side to silverware and in the summer to see the Over 35s defend their league title.

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Silloth on Solway Golf Clubs new club champion Tim Carr has equalled a remarkable long standing club record, a gap of 32 years between championships.

Tim won his first championship in 1984 beating the hot favourite John Longcake at the 19th hole after being three down with five to play, he also won the prestigious Silver Statuette Trophy that year. Tim's victory this year was achieved after a very hard fought match played in the true spirit of the game, against a very formidable opponent in Adrian Drabble.

Tim has been a popular member of the club virtually all his life, he started playing as a seven year old. He was given enormous encouragement by his parents Ray and Jean, both of whom were past captains and great supporters of the club. Tim is a former Junior Club Champion who was also a regular in the Junior County Team. His greatest achievement as a junior was to win the County Junior Matchplay Championship in 1983.

It was quite natural that he progressed to the senior county side for which he was a regular with an outstanding

record, he proved that matchplay was definitely his forte by winning the James Salver in 1987. The salver is presented to the player with the most points in the Northern County League matches. In doing so he joined some illustrious former Silloth winners of the Salver, such as Alfie Grieve, Sydney Steel, Bill and John Longcake. Coincidentally his opponent in this years final Adrian Drabble is also a former winner of the Salver in 1981 representing Workington Golf Club.

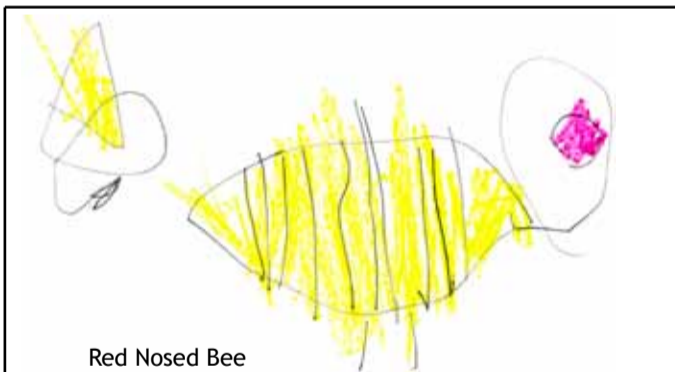
Tim is in a very exclusive club of Wessies (West

Sillothians) who, having won the club championship have then gone on to gain county honours. Quite remarkably West Silloth has produced 22 County players. Even more incredible ten of them have won the County Championship a total of 28 times between them and eight of them have won the Club Championship a total of 57 times. Silloth players have won the two County Championships a total of 33 times, and have been the County Club Champions for Cumbria 27 times. No other club can come close to the record of Silloth.

You may be wondering why such a large gap between Championships? As Tim was just 18 years old when he won his first Championship you would expect his prime years still to come. Well the main reason being he decided to up sticks and go to warmer climes in Bermuda where he joined the Bermuda Marine Police. The warmer climate obviously suited his golf as he reached the final of the Bermuda Amateur Strokeplay Championship, played at Port Royal in 1990. He won the amateur division of the Bermuda Open Championship in 1992 and also reached the final of the Bermuda Amateur Matchplay championship at the Mid Ocean Club.

However, his finest golfing moment on the island was still to come, when he was selected to represent Bermuda at the World Amateur Team Championships in 2002. This prestigious event is sometimes better known as the Eisenhower Trophy, it was held in Malaysia at the Saujana Golf & Country club. The event was named after the US President Dwight D Eisenhower. So many of golfs great legends have been associated with or played in this tournament. The likes of Bobby Jones who captained the first USA team, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickleson, Sergio Garcia and Rory McIlroy to name but a few who have played in this event. I don't know if this was the pinnacle of Tim's golfing but it certainly has to be up there.

So Tim is back on his home course now and relishing the prospect of more Club Championships to come. Tim is a great ambassador of Silloth on Solway Golf Club and we look forward to watching him defend his title in 2017. Good luck Tim.



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