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by Jack Tiffin from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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Nursery May Close Jelly Tots Needs You!

Use it or Lose it

Unfortunately there is a dip in numbers of children coming to Jelly Tots Day Nursery and it is having a serious financial effect on their business. Jackie and her girls work hard to do their best but they need to have more children coming. Can you help so Silloth does not lose this nursery.

Jelly Tots offer wraparound care from 7:30am until 6pm. They offer funded two year old places as well as funded three year old places that they share with the school.

Jelly Tots are part of the Solway Community School which means there are no roads to cross when dropping off and picking children up from school.

They offer a service to the community where they fit the child care around people's jobs or their individual needs.

Every member of staff is qualified in childcare as well as paediatric first aid, safeguarding, and health

and safety. Jelly Tots are going into their ninth year of business but due to the dip in numbers this year and people moving etc., they are finding it difficult to continue.

People in Silloth have been very kind in offering help especially the parents of our current children. Please support Jelly Tots so they can continue to offer this service in Silloth.

They have recently started a Just Giving page, find it at: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/save-jellytots-nursery-from-closure?utm_id=108&utm_term=aeKxjDwgR

Their facebook page is: www.facebook.com/jellytotssilloth

Website is: www.jellytotsdaynurserysilloth.co.uk

Jackie says "I would like to thank everyone for their kind words and donations for our nursery. The girls and I really appreciate it all.

If you know anyone that



has children that may need some kind of child care, can you please ask them to come to Jelly Tots Day Nursery and have a look? We are the cheapest in Cumbria."

Please Use It Or Lose It.



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A New Dining Experience

A Warm Welcome is promised at the Green View Guest House in Park Terrace, Criffel Street, Silloth which has just re-opened under new ownership.

A new addition to the business is "Stella's Bistro" which offers home-cooked food to residents and non-residents in a cosy, intimate setting. Named in memory of Graeme's late mother who died earlier this year, Stella's is fully licensed for diners and guests, and will be open from Wednesday to Saturday from 6pm every week – places are limited so booking is strongly advised!

New owners, Graeme Aiken and Archie Danfeld have moved to Silloth from Eastbourne on the South Coast – "We've come from as far south as you can go in England to about as far North!" jokes Graeme. "We'd never heard of Silloth before we saw Green View for sale, but a few minutes internet research revealed a vibrant little town with so much going on – most of it centred on our doorstep on The Green. On our first trip up here we fell in love with the place, and living here for a few months now has proved that we weren't wrong – you really can't beat the



view over the Solway, especially at sunset. It is just wonderful."

Chef Archie said, "We are really pleased to be able to bring this new venue to the town. So many people have said to us that there are limited options for places to eat out in the evening, so we hope to be a real asset." Born in Russia, Archie has been a Chef for nearly twenty years in the UK. "I cook traditional British food using local ingredients – the choice and quality of ingredients here in Cumbria is fantastic, it's not just curly sausages!"

Stella's opening menu features

traditional dishes like Prawn Cocktail and Cottage Pie alongside Pan-Fried Duck, Rack of Lamb and Baked Stuffed Aubergine as a vegetarian option. Starters include Duck Liver Patè, Chicken Terrine and Red Pepper and Leak Tarts – everything handmade on the premises. Archie said "Everything we serve is made here, from the bread to the ice cream. This means we always know exactly what is in our food. All our gravy is gluten free, for example, as I make it from scratch using beef or chicken bones – no flour or thickening agents are ever added." Mentioning the home-made ice cream, the dessert menu also includes a dairy free Banana Ice Cream, Crème Caramel and a Rich Chocolate Mousse!

In addition to the Bistro, Green View now has four refurbished en-suite guest bedrooms – a Double, a Twin, a cosy Single and a wonderful King-Sized four poster bedroom with terrific views over the Solway Firth. Of course, a full english breakfast is served every morning for residents – with porridge if you like, or just some toast and fresh fruit – with plenty of tea or coffee – so you can start the day as you choose!

"We're most proud of our new Guest Lounge and Bar", says Graeme, "It is a delightful place for Guests and Diners to relax and enjoy a drink looking out over the Green and the Solway Firth. We look forward to welcoming guests old and new soon and being part of this great little town."

Coastal Leaders Visit



Leaders from coastal communities across the country paid a visit to Allerdale to learn about the area and find out what work is being done.

Allerdale Borough Council hosted a delegation from the Local Government Association's (LGA) Coastal Special Interest Group (SIG) last week, who took in a series of visits to different communities and locations on the coast.

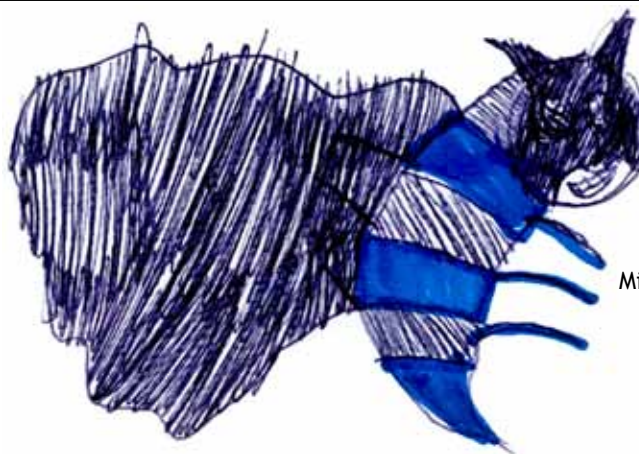
During their three days in the area they took in visits to the Port of Silloth, Lake District Coast Aquarium in Maryport, learned about the Maryport Regeneration Project and small village tourism in Allonby. They also found out about the conservation and nature work of the Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the cross-border collaboration of the

Solway Firth Partnership and heard a presentation from Alex Gibbons on 'Clay dabbins on the Solway'.

The group, from local authorities in Scarborough, Lewes, Tyneside, Dorset, Suffolk and Norfolk, were also welcomed to Harrington Marina by the Mayor of Allerdale, Hilary Harrington. Silloth councillor and Executive member John Cook was also in attendance for the duration of the trip.

Cllr Harrington said: "It was great to welcome the group to Allerdale and share ideas and experiences of working, living and managing the coastline. We took a great deal from them and we hope they learned a lot from us."

The trip culminated with meeting at Carlisle's Hallmark Hotel for members of the national LGA Coastal SIG.



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by
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£250 for Macmillan Nurses

Report by: Kirstine Proud

A big thank you to everyone that came along to the Macmillan Coffee Morning held in St Andrews Hall on Friday 27th September despite the heavy rain. You all helped raise a total of £250.

£211 for Macmillan Nurses

Frances Felix organised a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support at Culterham Hall, Mawbray, on Saturday 28th September.

The event was well supported, and many thanks to all the people from the local area who helped them raise an amazing £211.90 for this popular charity.

Christmas Day Lunch at the Corner Cafe

Report by: Jackie McCormick

It is that time of year again to let everyone know that there will be a Christmas meal on Christmas day in the Corner Cafe again.

I have two lovely people who will be cooking for me this year but if anyone finds themselves at a loose end and would like to help I would be very grateful.

I am also looking for donations of anything for the day.

The lunch will be from 12pm until 2pm on Christmas day.

Everyone is welcome so if you know anyone on their own or unable to make their own Christmas lunch please tell them about us.

Can You Help?



Mrs Hodgson is a local author looking for images of Clydesdale horses in the early 1900s or earlier. These are to be included in a book about a local farming family. She is also interested in paintings by

Wilson.

The above image is a painting of a local horse painted in about 1887.

If you can help please contact her by email: lizziehodgson@aol.com or Tel: 01768 898102.

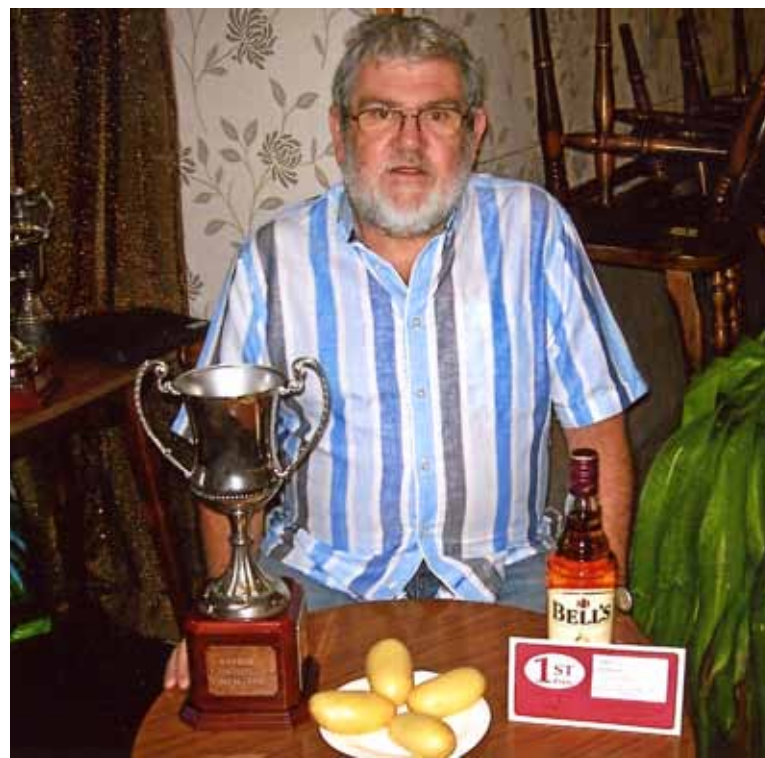


UniBee
by
Elena Watson
from
Silloth
Primary
School



SpookBee (Have a Happy Halloween)
by Emmie Bennett from Silloth Primary School

RAFA Leek Show



Ian Caulfield won 1st for Potatoes and Best Exhibit in Show

The RAFA Leek Show was held on 7th September. Once again it was a good show with lots of entries in the open classes. Next year the Leek Show will be on 5th September 2020, any one wishing to join please contact Ian Caulfield on 016973 31531.

Members: 1st D English, 2nd I McVittie, 3rd F Nanson.

Open classes:

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| One Trench Leek | I McVittie |
| One Intermediate Leek | I McVittie |
| Four Tomatoes | I McVittie |
| Four Potatoes | I Caulfield |
| Six Shallots | T Reid |
| Four Onions | CA Caulfield |
| Two Carrots | S Hankin |
| Four Vegetables | I McVittie |
| One Parsnip | I McVittie |
| Three Beetroot | E Ridley |
| One Vase of Flowers | I McVittie |
| One Pot Plant | J Atkinson |
| Foliage Pot Plant | I McVittie |
| Heaviest Onion | E Ridley |
| Two Dressed Onions | I McVittie |
| One Pot Leek | A Jackson |



Most points in the show went to I McVittie and the best exhibit went to Ian Caulfield for Four Potatoes.

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New Community Fund

Solway Firth Partnership (SFP) is now running the Robin Rigg Community Fund.

The Robin Rigg Community Fund is available to community groups and organisations in the Solway area undertaking activities that contribute to the reduction of the effects of climate change or otherwise benefit the local community. The fund is now open to any organisation within the specified geographical area. They can apply for a grant of £1,000 to £15,000 (only once in each year of the fund).

The first deadline for applications to the Robin Rigg Community Fund will be 5pm on Thursday 12 December 2019. Further applications may be invited during 2020 if funds are available. Clair McFarlan, Solway Firth Partnership Manager, said: "We are now inviting applications from communities around the Solway coast for projects that will provide benefit to the local

community in the areas of Environment; Renewable energy; Energy efficiency; Sustainable development; Charity; Education; Community; and General community amenity schemes or projects."

Kerry McCole, Robin Rigg Plant Manager, "Following the success of the Community Funds which were put in place for an initial ten-year period we are delighted to announce that Robin Rigg have established a new Community Fund. We are thrilled to continue working with the Solway Firth Partnership team and are really pleased that they are now delivering the community benefit from the wind farm on both sides of the Solway."

Full details of the Robin Rigg Community Fund including a downloadable application form can be found on the Solway Firth Partnership website <https://www.solwayfirthpartnership.co.uk/robin-rigg-community-fund/>

Blencogo Art Group

Report by:
Jennifer Bailey

Local artist Sue Catterson came to the BAGgers (Blencogo Art Group) meeting on 23rd September to show us all how to use a method of art called FloArt.

This involved mixing various colours, together with drops of silicone and Floetrol, which caused the paint to bubble and speckle when heated with either a hair dryer or culinary blowtorch. When the colours were mixed in a small cup, the paint was either poured slowly on to a prepared canvas, or the cup was inverted on to the canvas and then removed, allowing the paint to spread and run all over the canvas, encouraged by the canvas being tilted in different directions. The resulting patterns were very effective and interesting.

The Blencogo Art Group is now into its fourth week of the present session after having had

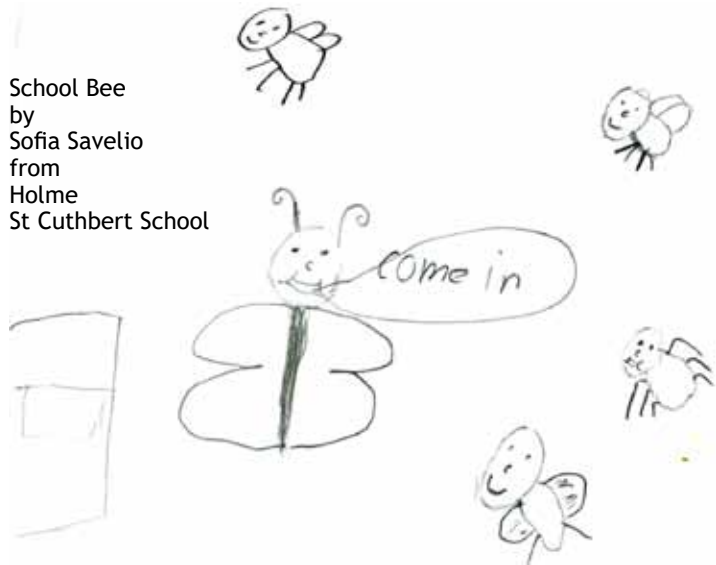


the summer recess. We're awaiting the start of our annual "Big Picture" activity where any of the members who wish to take part are given sections of a picture which has been copied, enlarged and cut into pieces which we each paint according to what our section shows. When all the sections are completed, Janet - one of our founder members - assembles them all to make a very large copy of the chosen picture. So

far over the past few years we've completed Big Pictures of The Bar at the Follies Bergere by Manet, A Market Scene by Lowery, Tiger in The Rain Forest by Henri Rousseau and Street Market by Beryl Cooke.

I don't yet know what this year's picture will be, but when it's done it'll be well worth having a look at and will be proudly displayed in Blencogo Village Hall for all to see.

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by
Sofia Savelio
from
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A Quieter Month for Silloth RNLI Station



Reports by: Julie Emary

Lifeboat launched to unidentified objects in sea

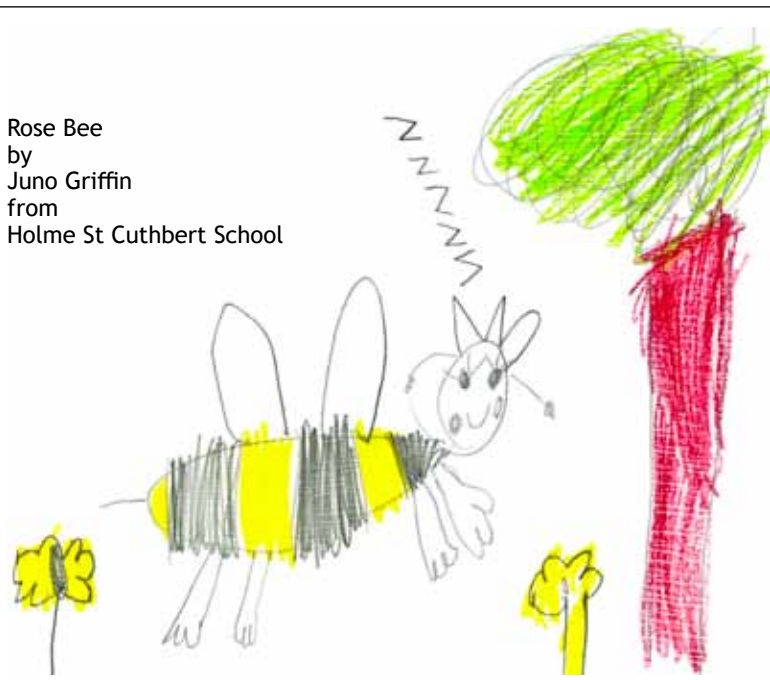
On Sunday 29th September Silloth RNLI lifeboat was tasked to search for three large unidentified objects that were floating in the sea, to the south of Silloth. Due to the ebbing tide the lifeboat had to be launched from the West Beach at Silloth.

Maryport Coastguard were involved with the search and advised the lifeboat to launch and ascertain that there was nothing that needed help.

Silloth lifeboat was able to confirm that amongst other debris there was part of a massive fir tree with broken branches.

The lifeboat was subsequently recovered from West Beach and returned to station.

Rose Bee
by
Juno Griffin
from
Holme St Cuthbert School



Silloth lifeboat on exercise with Coastguard helicopter

Silloth RNLI lifeboat and the Coastguard rescue helicopter from Prestwick, had a joint exercise on Sunday afternoon 29th September.

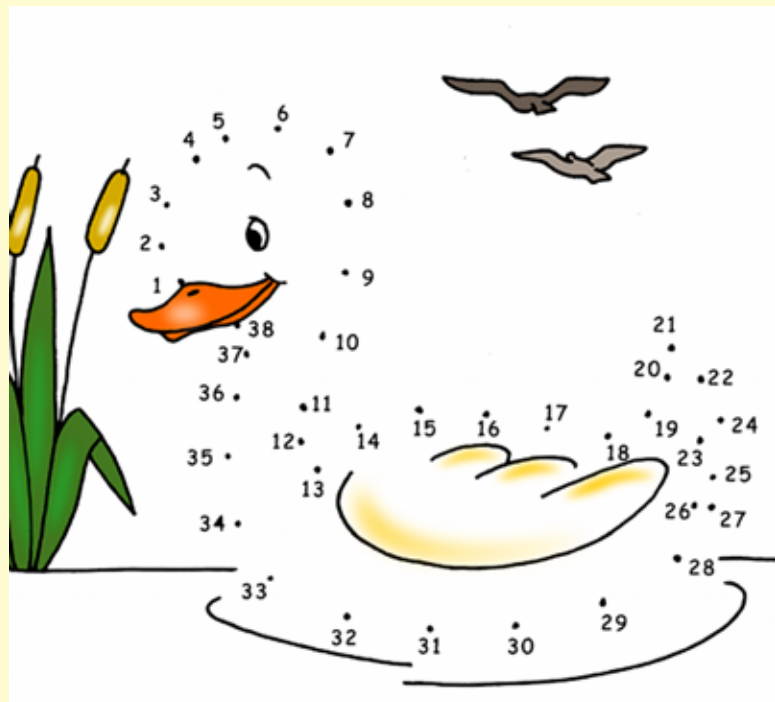
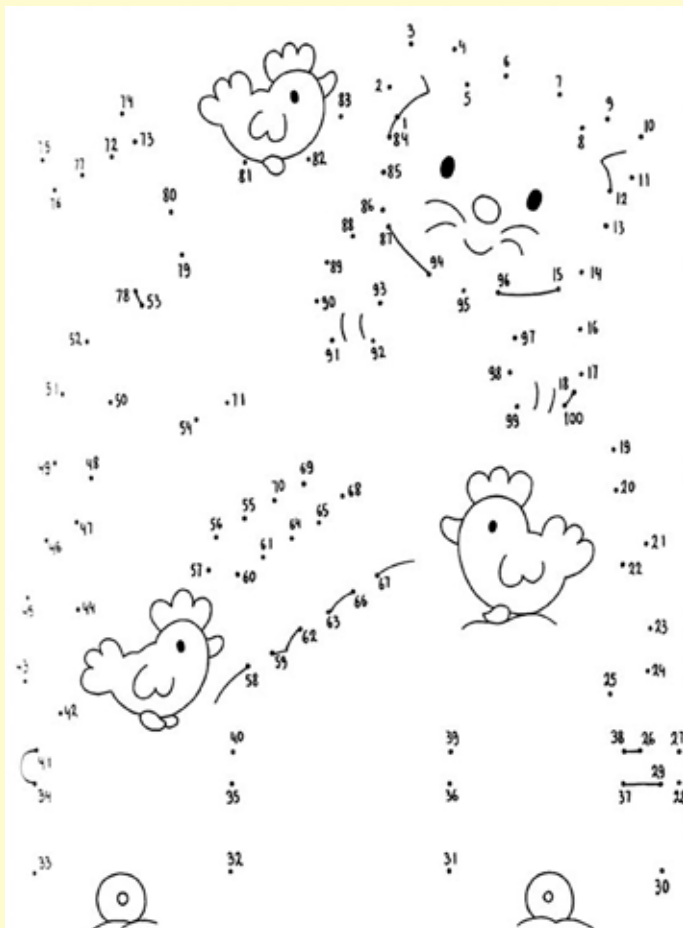
This involved the helicopter winching some of their crew onto the lifeboat, as would be done if the lifeboat and helicopter were

deployed on a real emergency. The helicopter and lifeboat worked closely with each other for an hour in excellent conditions.

Maryport Coastguard was also involved with the exercise and based themselves at Silloth RNLI boathouse where they were able to see the whole event take place.

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Pensioners Coffee Morning



much-valued services. Applications for Reays 2020 Charity of the Year are now open.

To learn more about Reays Charity of the Year initiative, to make a donation, or to apply to be next year's chosen charity visit <https://www.reays.co.uk/Charity-of-the-Year>

Report by: Jean Day

Our second coffee morning at the new venue, St Andrews Church Hall, was well attended. Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

Tickets for the Pensioners Christmas party went on sale at £7 per person. The party will be

held at Stanwix Park on Saturday, 30th November. If you still haven't got yours you can get them from a committee member.

Raffle winners were, Maureen Gray, Annabelle Strong, Joan Lampport, Linda Grierson, Kath Maybury, and Margaret Gate.

The last Coffee Morning of 2019 was held in St Andrews Hall, Solway Street on 2nd November and was well attended. Everyone seems to have settled into our new venue. As well as brisk business on the Cake Stall and Raffle, Eve's Fashions showed off a wide range of Autumn clothes, with something to suit everyone.

The old photographs on display will be up in the SOSCS shop in the near future and if anyone sees any they would like to have, please take them.

Tickets have sold well for the Xmas Party at Stanwix Holiday Park on Saturday 30th November, a good time should be had by all with a good meal, entertainment and a big raffle.

Our next Coffee Morning will be held in St Andrews Hall on Saturday 1st February 2020, at 10 am.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

Local, award winning, family business Reays launched their charity partnership with Blood Bikes Cumbria in January 2019.

The team at Reays had hoped to raise enough money to purchase a new motorbike for the charity, with their Blood, Sweat & Reays Charity Ball being their final event. Following the Ball hosted by the business on Saturday 2nd November, Reays are delighted to announce that while the final monies are still being counted, they already know that they have raised more than £12,000 on the evening.

Kerrie Allison, Head of Sales and Marketing at Reays said: "We recognise the importance of supporting the local community in which we live and work. Blood Bikes Cumbria are saving lives across our County and I am delighted that our Charity Ball has raised more than £12,000 for such a fantastic cause.

I would like to thank all of the businesses and professionals who supported our event, with special thanks to Carol Milnes of CA Events for organising the event

and Explosive Productions for delivering an unbelievable evening of spooktacular entertainment. I am proud that our Charity of the Year initiative generates such a fantastic amount of money for local charities to benefit from.

More than 300 people gathered together for the evening which was organised in association with Arriva Bus & Coach Hire, Ast Signs, Ian Ward Plant Hire, Ashwood Design and Slaters Hair & Beauty, without which, it would not have been possible, and I am incredibly grateful for their support.

Over the next month the Reays team will be finalising their year of fundraising and presenting Blood Bikes Cumbria with a brand-new motorbike which will join their existing fleet. This bike however is smaller in its specification and will be used by the charity to attract more female volunteers.

Each year the Reays team chooses to work with a nominated local charity in order to give something back to the local area and help boost funding for these



Boo Bees by Olivia Carter from Silloth Primary School

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Macmillan Coffee Morning Raises £516

Report by: Tracy Graham

On Saturday 28th September we held our first Macmillan coffee morning at Caldew Hall, I would like to thank all those who helped me on the day and of course those who generously gave up their time either helping or baking!

Sillothians never fail to amaze me with their kindness and the morning was a huge success, we raised £516 for a great cause.

Again, thanks to everyone who supported me at the hall! Bakers and Cakes: Peggie Allen, Jen Allen, Jill Williams, Stacey Kenney, Lucy & Morven Anson, Sarah Keaveney, Irene Brown, Amanda Taylor, Julie & Barry Wood, Hazel Robinson, Lillian Sewell, Silloth Convalescent Home, Ann Winter, Vicky Hope, Berrys Bakery and of course my

mum in law Marion Graham.

Raffle prizes, there were too many to remember all, but again many thanks couldn't of done any of it without your donations!

Main helpers on the day were Joanne Pape, Peggie Allen chief coffee maker and general dogs body, Dave Allen was roped in to do dishes! Sue Brown and Denise Pattinson Raffle and Entrance supervisors, Stacey and Jessica, Morven and Lucy Anson at the Cake Stall, all busy little bees for the morning thank you all and well done! Sorry if I've forgotten anyone. And of course all the lovely people who attended the morning enjoying cake, tea, coffee n hopefully the good company while raising the fab funds!

Creepy Cubs & Spooky Beavers



Report by: Anthony Reid

Another amazing night with the creepy Cubs and spooky Beavers.

A massive thank you to Silloth Cafe for kindly inviting us for the evening and putting on a fantastic meal for everyone at their own

expense. The Cubs and Beavers can't thank you enough. There was a good turn out and some awesome costumes to be seen.

Waver Wine Circle

Report by: Stuart & Jan Jones

Our October meeting was the annual Red Wine Tasting and with six apologies ten members enjoyed the seven wines sampled. The trophy was won by Mary with her entry of a South African 2018 Fairmile Pinotage. Chairman Bill Henderson presented her with the trophy. He then produced a bottle of red wine given to him by friends who had recently been to a vineyard in Portugal. The bottle of Animus 2017 Red Wine was sampled by all and received 'unanimous' approval. Glasses were refilled to give a toast to Margaret, one of our members who left Blencogo today to move to Temple Sowerby to be nearer her family. We wish her every happiness in her new home.

Most unusually Stella was not with us, so thanks to her and Linda for organising our usual nibbles and thanks to Linda for running the draw, which was won

by Stella.

Bill disclosed that he will be 80 years young on 9 November - Happy Birthday Bill.

Our November meeting was a Cider Tasting evening with eleven members attending and five apologies.

Chair, Bill Henderson, opened the meeting by requesting a minutes silence in respect of the passing of former member Dorothy Hodgson.

The Cider competition was won by Mary with her Peaky Blinders Rhubarb Cider, 4% volume. Bill presented her with the winner's certificate which was organised by Janet and Graham.

Linda then presented Bill with a lovely chocolate birthday cake to celebrate his 80th birthday. This was enjoyed by everyone, washed down with cider. Thank you Linda for your culinary skills.

Members please note the

following meetings - Wednesday 11th December, 7pm for 7:30pm our Christmas Dinner at the Wheyrigg Hotel.

Wednesday 8th January, at 12 noon lunch at the Silloth Golf Club. Please bring raffle prizes for both occasions. Thank you Nick for organising this for us.

This month's raffle prize was donated by Stephen and won by Linda. Thanks to Stella for organising the nibbles. Thanks again to all who contributed to another successful evening.



Stripey Bee
by
Scarlett Milburn
from
Holm Cultram Abbey
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It's a Phantomime

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Memorial Moved



The War Memorial which was moved from Abbeytown Methodist Church is now settled in its new home at the Abbey.

Do You Know About Edward Dalglish?

While browsing the internet recently I came across an article about East Cote Lighthouse and it mentioned a long serving keeper called Edward Dalglish.

Edward, born 1815 in Annan, Scotland was my three times Great Grandad. I have visited Silloth, seen the lighthouse and found Edward's grave in Holme St Pauls graveyard but that is the limit of my knowledge about Edward, the lighthouse, and his life in Silloth.

The article on the Shore-walkers web site now confirms the link between Edward and East Cote Lighthouse for me, which I have suspected but hadn't confirmed. Edward Dalglish was also a certificated Master Mariner in his early years.

Is there anyone in Silloth who



has information and/or photos about Edward Dalglish and his family they would be willing to share with me?

My name is Lynne Lambert and I live in Doncaster, please send any response to the Solway Buzz who will pass it on to me.



Broken Leg Bee
by
Reece Carr
from
Holm Cultram Abbey School

Stranger Bees
by
Luke Harrison
from Holme St Cuthbert School



Candy Land Bee
by
Quinn Hayton
from
Holme St Cuthbert School

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Silloth Music & Beer Festival

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RNLI Supper Raises £459



Report by: Margaret English

A crowd of 62 happy faces came to the Silloth Café on Friday 11th October for the RNLI Fish & Chip Supper

A huge thank you to Owen and his staff who made everyone very welcome. They were all extremely helpful and everyone enjoyed a lovely plate of fish, chips and mushy peas. A big thank you to Eddie who organised the bar and to Julie and Stew who manned the donations only bar on the night. The beer, wine, rum and shots

all went down very well. It was wonderful to see such an amazing mix of people joining us, faces old and new. Great to have some of the crew with us.

Another paper folding task took a while to work out and some gave up all together. For those that persevered the quality was amazing. The best colouring task was very hard to choose with the ladies from the Inner Wheel coming out on top. Fun quizzes this year, all fish and RNLI related were very challenging like last year

and the winners by a long way were the Stanley family who may have had a little prior knowledge!

The raffle was very well supported. In all £459 was raised, a super effort and so lovely to have so many people supporting us.

On behalf of the Silloth and District RNLI Fundraisers I would like to thank everyone who came along to make it such a fun. Enormous thanks everyone who worked hard to make the evening so successful. See you next year. Please book early!

Solway Village £1,000



On Sunday 20th October representatives from the Solway Village came to the RNLI Lifeboat Station and were greeted by fundraisers, members of the Crew and the RNLI mascot Stormy Stan.

The Solway Village presented the station with a cheque for £1,000 which was raised at the Solway Village in July when the crew took the lifeboat to the

Village and the fundraisers joined them taking along their Marquee. The Village provided a tombola and a barbecue to raise that amazing amount.

Our very grateful thanks go to everyone at the village for their generosity which is very much appreciated by everyone at the lifeboat station. Thank you Solway Village see you next year!

Miramar Lodge Supports the RNLI

On Sunday 6th October 2019 Mr Ivan Lomas the oldest member of Miramar Lodge of Freemasons based in Silloth and an ex-crew member of Silloth Lifeboat Station was asked to present a cheque on behalf of a fellow lodge member who has been a member for the last 50 years.

He has received a certificate of commemoration from the Provincial Grand Master on his achievement and the lodge donated him a cheque for £500 to be given to a non Masonic charity.

His choice was RNLI Silloth Station and he asked to remain anonymous stating only that the donation was from the Lodge.

Mr Lomas also stated that the Solway Group of Lodges of which Silloth is a member have been asked to give money to the



Provincial Grand Masters Charity Fund and whatever money is raised up to £3000 will be doubled by Provincial Grand Lodge.

This year these monies have been allocated to be shared between Silloth RNLI, Silloth First Responders and Maryport Inshore Rescue Boat and Maryport First Responders.

On Thursday 17th October

the recipients were invited to a Masonic dinner at the Shepherds Inn, Carlisle where at a drinks party with the Masonic Hierarchy they were presented with their cheques, and then they joined 600 Freemasons for dinner and speeches.

This month Silloth RNLI have received two cheques on behalf of the Freemasons.

Libraries Collect for Wrap Up Cumbria

Several libraries across Allerdale are now collection points for a local campaign, Wrap Up Cumbria.

Wrap Up Cumbria is run by local Rotary Clubs. The campaign seeks donations of coats and jackets to help keep vulnerable, isolated and homeless people in Cumbria warm during the winter months.

Cumbria County Council's libraries in Aspatria, Keswick, Maryport, Moor Close, Seaton, Silloth, Wigton and Workington are collection points for coats and jackets.

The coats are distributed via homeless shelters, refugee centres, women's refuges, children's centres, organisations helping the elderly and other charities supporting people in crisis.

Coats and jackets of all weights

are acceptable - however heavy duty coats that are weather resistant and waterproof are the most sought after and useful.

The Wrap Up campaigns in Cumbria are delivered by a team of volunteers through local Rotary Clubs, and they are currently unable to accept anything other than coats and jackets.

Cllr Deborah Earl, Cumbria County Council's Cabinet Member for Local Communities, said: "I'm pleased that libraries across Allerdale are supporting this campaign, helping some of the vulnerable and homeless people in our communities to stay warmer this winter. I'd urge anyone that may have a spare or unused heavy jacket to consider donating it to this very important cause."

For further information, visit: www.wrapupcumbria.co.uk

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Adams 26 hour Vigil



As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, Adam Pearson decided to spend 26 hours locked in the MUGA with only his football and sleeping bag for company. His aim was to raise awareness and also to encourage those that are suffering mental health problems to open up and talk.

During Adams lock in he was overwhelmed by the support he received. People would come to chat, some opening up about their mental health issues, others brought food, drink, clothing and one lovely lady even arrived with coffee and cake at three in the morning.

Having suffered from depression Adam has been lucky enough to have had the support of family, friends, work colleagues and medical professionals who have been there for him and helped him to get back on his feet. There are those that are less fortunate.

If through his actions, one person has been able to change their

mind on how they view mental health problems, or one person has been able to open up about their issues then Adam says it was all worth it.



Adam would just like to say a massive thank you to all those people who made his stint in the MUGA bearable, even in the torrential rain. You're all amazing! Remember to talk and listen! I am sure we all think Adam is amazing.

Silloth Scouts Investiture

Report by: Lynsey Henderson

On 10th October the First Silloth Scout Group invested their new members and leaders into the organisation. They celebrated by inviting parents, friends and family to watch the children receive their scarves and badges, followed by making their scout promise.

The group was formed before the summer holidays and includes Beavers (aged 6-7) and Cubs (aged 8-10). There are currently four leaders and two occasional helpers but they are always looking for extra helpers so that they can increase the number of children who can attend. If you are interested in becoming a leader, they meet at 6pm on Thursday evenings at St Andrews Hall in Silloth (excluding school holidays) and would welcome you for a chat.

The group are hoping to relocate to the hut behind the Community Hall but have found that the building needs a little TLC before they can start using it. The hut belongs to the Silloth Youth Club but they have kindly offered to share with the scouts. Both groups are appealing to the local community to help renovate the building so that the children can make good use of it. They need a kitchen, flooring, painting and some new furniture so it's a big job with



very little money to spare. Anyone that can offer any kind of help can contact them at sillothscoutgroup@gmail.com

Silloth Primary School Harvest Festival in Christ Church



Report by: Rachel Ingrams Head Teacher Silloth Primary School

What a great turn out for the school's Harvest Festival Service at Christ Church on Friday.

The theme for the service was, 'Don't Worry, Bee Happy' in recognition of all that bees do for us; pollinating our fruits and vegetables, which gives us a rich and varied harvest each year.

The children sang songs, performed a drama, told interesting facts and gave



thanks for bees!

As a Global Learning school, we think about global issues and act locally.

This year, we have launched our 'Pollinators Project' and are encouraging people to plant bee-friendly plants in their gardens as the bee

population is in decline due to people paving gardens and the increasing use of pesticides in intensive farming.

We are working with Cumbria

Wildlife Trust to plant bee-friendly plants in our garden at school and hope that you will do the same at home.

Around 1/3 of every plate of food we eat, has been pollinated by bees - that's an awful lot of food we would have to do without if there were no bees. Bees need our help because we NEED bees!

So... don't worry, bee happy! Thank you to all our families for donating food to our Harvest Appeal. All of the food donated goes to the local Food Bank to support local families. THANK YOU for your kindness.

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on Friday 6 December 2019 at 7pm
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Entry £5 including refreshments.
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We meet once a month at WHEYRIGG HALL HOTEL and we are looking for one or two people to take over as co-ordinators of this group which gives support and friendship to people who have Parkinson's and their carers.

Full support will be given by The West Cumbria Branch.

If you would like to find out more about this very rewarding voluntary job, please contact Jane on 016973 52527 or email: jojanemathews@gmail.com

Lifeboats

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Letters

Dear Buzz,

So sorry to see that Knoxwood Wildlife Sanctuary shop has left Silloth, I had some lovely times working as a volunteer there and some lovely Christmas parties, so thank you Isobel and George.

Jennifer Bailey

Dear Buzz,

Should we not be considering either getting rid of or removing the sycamore trees that line the streets? They have little aesthetic value and cause nothing else but problems with falling leaves blocking drains, lifting pavements and light blockage in many houses. Maybe a more suitable tree could be found and a replacement programme put into operation or just maintaining what we have? A look back at old photos of the town would show you what I mean. How long before someone is injured because of wet leaves?

Chief Whinger
C Briggs

Dear Buzz,

What an absolute pleasure it was reading this edition of the Solway Buzz. So many events in 2019, let's see if you can top it in 2020. I've been away for many years now and have banged on about the green being under used for most of them so it's great to see this natural asset being used to benefit the town. Keep up the good work, keep the ideas flowing and see you next year.

DP James

Buzzing Poems

A Windy Day
by Joan Bennett

*With rosy cheeks and wind-blown hair.
We two stroll along without a care.*

*Now the seasons finished, the visitors gone.
We just love to stroll along the prom.*

*Well wrapped up with gloves and scarf.
We care not if people think we're daft.*

*As we face the wind and brave the cold.
We reminisce about the days of old.*

*Of when in a city with smog and smoke.
We lived with the crowds it was no joke.*

*The big city was the place of our birth.
Now we have fresh air and the Solway Firth.*

*We live in a small town now, Silloths its name.
We are so very happy and so glad we came.*

*My Sister and I are so thankful to say.
We always look forward to a nice windy day.*

Do you have a poem or letter for the Buzz? We welcome all submissions there is no charge. Please remember to include your contact info.



Jack the Bee
by
Rory Askew
from
Holm Cultram Abbey School

Passing Through The Veil
by Penny Stimson

*Wait for me my darling
and I will wait for you,
The veil that separates us
is just a step through.
Then we will be together
for all eternity.
For I will wait for you
if you will wait for me.*

*When we step over to Heaven
and one is left to stay,
I'll wait for you my darling
however long the stay.*

*The veil that is between us
is just a step away,
then we can be together
forever and always.*

*So darling don't despair,
and think that all is gone.
For I will still be with you
in wind or rain or song.*

*I will just be waiting,
waiting just for you
if you will wait for me
we'll see eternity through.*

*Time is getting short dear,
its calling us away.
One of us must leave dear,
the other they must stay.*

*It will be hard and lonely
while one has gone away,
but passing through the veil dear
is just a step away.*

That's Life



Penny Stimson, who has regularly contributed poems to the Buzz, has now produced a collection of her poems in booklet form. Over the years she has regularly been approached by numerous people to see if she has a printed version of her poems for them to enjoy as a combination of their favourites that they discovered printed in the Buzz.

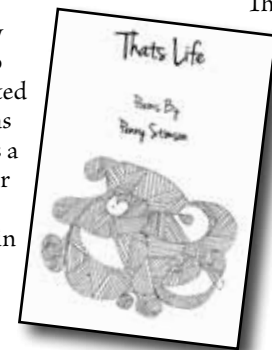
This started Penny thinking as she has often written short stories (mainly in rhyming couplets) for her own children and these became widely popular with them when they were very young, and did in fact sell one of her rhyming couplet story to the BBC for a children's radio programme.

Penny gives grateful

thanks and acknowledgement to the Solway Buzz for all the kind help and support they have given to her for so graciously printing her poems.

These booklets have been produced to help support the ongoing renovations of St Andrews Church, and will be priced at £2.99 per booklet. This collection of poems can be purchased at St Andrews Hall on any Tuesday between

noon - 1pm and Penny will be available to sign your own personal copy as required, or you can call Penny on 32255 for one. Please remember the value of an undiscovered authors original signature!



Remember – you can join the library, search the library catalogue, renew and request books online at cumbria.gov.uk/libraries Visit Silloth Library in the Discovery Centre

Non-Commercial Tourism Websites

solwaybuzz.co.uk
sillothgreen.co.uk
sillothonsolway.co.uk
sillothgolfclub.co.uk
vintagerally.co.uk
sillothbeerfestival.co.uk
silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk
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solwayplain.co.uk/silloth1.htm
facebook.com/sillothgreen
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(Silloth Today)

Any other suggestions of sites useful for our visitors, please send them to the Buzz at: office@solwaybuzz.co.uk

Masthead Bee Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered Kids Rucksack 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. Return to your school, or Silloth Library, or post to the address on page 14 (large stamp) and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered Rucksack 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 have your bee drawing. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to us, our address is on page 14.

This month the winner is Jack Tiffin from Holm Cultram Abbey School School with a bee drawing called "Contractor Bee". Well done!



Silloth Library

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Wed 10-1pm 2-4pm

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**Allerdale Borough Council
ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR THE WORKINGTON PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY
STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED**

The following is a statement of the persons nominated for election as a member of parliament for the said Electoral Area at the election to be held on Thursday 12 Dec 2019

| Persons Nominated | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Surname | 2 Other Names | 3 Home Address | 4 Description | 5 Names of Proposer and Seconder | 6 Reason why the person nominated no longer stands nominated |
| COCKBURN | NICKY | RESIDES IN ELECTORAL AREA | Independent | PRO : Russell J Cockburn SEC : Iain Greaney | |
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| HUGHES | NEIL | RESIDES IN ELECTORAL AREA | Liberal Democrat | PRO : Sara E Barnes SEC : Phillip J Roberts | |
| IVINSON | ROY ALAN | Whinlose Seaville Silloth CA7 4PT | | PRO : Henry Gardhouse SEC : William M Thomlinson | |
| JENKINSON | MARK IAN | 12 Rose Beck Seaton Workington CA14 1QF | The Conservative Party Candidate | PRO : Dawn Lisa Jenkinson SEC : Laura Ann Jenkinson | |
| PERRY | JILL | Main Band House Bulgill Maryport Cumbria CA15 6TW | Green Party | PRO : Jane Tyson SEC : Allan Sharman | |
| WALKER | DAVID RIMMER | Rydal Holme Rydal Ambleside Cumbria LA22 9LR | Brexit Party | PRO : Jennifer Pender SEC : Denis Brian Fulton | |

Harvest Festival in Abbeytown



Methodists in Abbeytown met in the home of Rev Peter and Mrs Irene Ormerod to celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday 13th October.

The Service was led by lay preacher Betty Jagger, assisted by Hayley Wisbey with help from

daughter Caitlin. We sang, prayed, joined in an interactive harvest themed address, and then shared refreshments together. There was a display of fresh fruit vegetables and flowers, and three carrier bags of tinned and packeted food were

donated and sent to the food bank in Wigton.

We meet each Sundays at 2:30pm for a Worship Service at 10 Wheatsheaf Court, Abbeytown, and anyone would be most welcome to join with us.



Math Bee by Chloe Dornberger from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Box Bee by Jackson from Silloth Primary School

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Copy date for the January issue is:

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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

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
Keep Fit 8:30pm to 9pm
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
For further details contact Stephen on 07811 761033

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 information contact: Gill Edmondson: 016973 71696

Abbey Monthly Munch

Holme Cultram Abbey Monthly Munch on first Thursday each month at 12 noon, only £4

First Responders

WE train on the first and third Tuesday of every month in Silloth Community Centre @ 7pm

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. Information call Wigton Health Visitors: 016973 66608

Are these entries all up to date? If not - please let us know

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Football Training

Silloth Football Club
At Recreation Ground,
Eden Street Playing Fields
Silloth, CA7 4AX

Over 35's Mens

April to end of August matches on Monday evenings - Contact Phillip Scott 07712 549070

Open age Men's 16+

Contacts: Liam Wilson 07394 561704 & Brian Hayhurst 07717 532828

Under 6's - Ages 4 & 5 year olds - Sunday's 10am to 11am
Contact:
Geoff Grainger 07732 695875

Under 7's Sunday 10am to 11am & Wednesday's 6pm to 7pm. Entering the West Cumbria Youth League in September 2019. Age's 6 years old & those becoming 6 years old after 01/09/19.
Contacts: Jamie Hearton 07340 572475 And Jamie Harrison 07518 600220.

Under 9's Ages 7 & 8 years old before 01/09/19
playing in the West Cumbria Youth League. Training Sunday 10am to 11am & Wednesday 6pm to 7pm
Contacts:
Peter Wise 07732 690696 & Stuart Flynn 07931 884066.

Under 11's Ages 9 & 10 years old before 01/09/19 entering the West Cumbria Youth League in September 2019. Training Wednesday's 6:30pm to 7:30pm.
Contacts:
Dan Jeffrey 07836 778504 & Anotolij Petrov 07584 428383.

Under 13's Ages 11 & 12 years old before 01/09/19 playing in the West Youth League. Training Wednesday's 5:30pm to 6:30pm.
Contacts:
Carl Stanford 07563 302980 & Paul Mulgrew 07526 665759.

All other enquiries to Secretary:
Colin Baty 07754 890297

Abbeystown Girls Abbeystown Sports Field
Wednesdays 4-5pm

Silloth Tennis Club
For coaching information call David Wise on 07742 547767

Sewing Circle
Have you clothes 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. Contact Penny on 016973 32255.

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Dates for the Diary

November

21st Holme Cultram Abbey Christmas Dinner at 12:30pm, tickets £12, Dep £2, tel: 016973 61113 or 61224

23rd Bus Trip to Lowther Castle Christmas Markets, with a stop off in Keswick on way home - £10 a ticket (payable on booking) - please contact: Jackie on 07860 374817

29th Allerdale Fiddlers Concert in St Andrews Hall 7pm to 9:30pm tickets £6 inc Pie & Peas supper

30th Christmas Fayre in Holme Cultram Abbey 10am to 4pm, entry £2 inc teas, stalls, raffle, tombola & refreshments Santa's Grotto £3 per child

30th Silloth & District Pensioners Christmas Party in Stanwix Holiday Park

30th Christmas Night Out in Mawbray Village Hall 7:30pm-late, £15, BYOB see poster

Silloth RNLI Shop

SHOP OPENING HOURS

Saturday 11am-3:30pm
Sunday 10am-3:30pm
Shop closes Sunday 15th December for Winter

Thank you to everyone who has supported us and we will open again in the Spring

Badminton

Every Thursday 7pm - 9pm at Silloth Sports Hall.
Tel: Lorraine 07805 136279

Crafting Groups

Come along on Mondays at 10am in Silloth Community Hall and another on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3pm at St Andrews Church Hall. These are friendly people with a variety of crafting talents-willing to share their knowledge.

Friendship Hour

Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Eden Street Friendship Hour is on alternate Thursdays at 1:45pm. All welcome

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December

1st Christmas Fayre in Holme Cultram Abbey, noon to 4pm, entry £2 inc teas, stalls, raffle, tombola & refreshments Santa's Grotto £3 per child

1st Silloth Christmas Lights Switch On starts 3pm in Caldew Hall, then to the Green for 6pm Switch On

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

2nd Scrooge, the Panto at Wigton Theatre Club

3rd Scrooge, the Panto at Wigton Theatre Club

4th The Solway Plains Artists Meeting Golf Hotel 10am to 1pm

4th Scrooge, the Panto at Wigton Theatre Club

5th Scrooge, the Panto at Wigton Theatre Club

6th Harlequin Choir in Christ Church at 7pm, £5 inc refreshments

6th Scrooge, the Panto at Wigton Theatre Club

7th Crunch collection at Skinburness Road car park 8am to 9:45am

7th Xmas Fayre in Westnewton Village Hall at 2pm, free entry, stalls, raffle, tombola, food

7th Scrooge, the Panto at

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December cont'd

Wigton Theatre Club

8th Scrooge, the Panto at Wigton Theatre Club

11th Causewayhead WI meeting at 2pm in Silloth Community Hall, AGM

13th Christ Church Men's Choir night

January 2020

13th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

18th Crunch collection at Skinburness Road car park 8am to 9:45am

February

1st Coffee Morning at Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrew's Church Hall

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

8th Crunch collection at Skinburness Road car park 8am to 9:45am

March

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

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April

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

May

11th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

June

13th Silloth Vintage Rally on the Green

14th Silloth Vintage Rally on the Green

27th Silloth Pride

August

1st Soul Music Event

7th James Richards Circus

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12th James Richards Circus

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Causewayhead WI

Report by: Jenny Stride

Unfortunately due to the inclement weather we were unable to have a practical demonstration by farrier Nathan Studholme at our October meeting. However Nathan gave a very interesting talk on the subject.

Unlike other countries, in the UK you have to be a registered farrier to shoe horses. This involves a 4½ year apprenticeship. Between 16-19 this is free to the employer, at 19 the employer pays £3,000 towards college fees. Over 25 you have to pay for the course yourself and this is £30,000 over the 4½ years.

Once qualified the annual registration is £240.

To ensure the welfare of the horse, the course involves the anatomy of the horse and all the different types and uses of shoes. Although most farriers do not now make shoes from scratch a set has to be made and fitted as part of the exam.

The Romans used leather pads to protect hooves and it is believed the Celts were the first to nail shoes.

Nathan explained that the main reason for shoeing is to protect the foot on roads. It is not really necessary to shoe horses in fields, in dryer areas the ground is hard enough to keep the hoof worn down but in wetter areas it is necessary to trim the hoof.

As the hoof is growing all the time the shoe moves forward and should be checked at least every four weeks. Foals are not normally shod until they are three years as it can stop the proper development, although they can be shod to help proper development but must be checked a minimum of every two weeks.

Nathan circulated different types of shoes and explained how they were used.

Competition Winners:
Dawn Eyre and Ann Harrison
Garden Flower:
Frances Jackson

Raffle: Margaret Slattery and Pat Froggatt.

At our November meeting Mike Cowen came to tell us about his journey from Curthwaite to Beijing on a motorbike.

Mike explained that for the 12,500 mile journey a special motor bike was required. This had heated seats and grips and a cage to protect the engine from damage caused by falling on bad roads. There were two panniers, one for parts and one for spares, no other luggage could be taken. Fully laden the bikes weigh around a quarter of a ton. The equipment included electric heated suits that plug into the motorbike, special boots to protect ankles and lower leg in falls. There was a 4WD van containing tools and spares driven by a mechanic.

Before being accepted for the trip prospective riders have to attend a session in South Wales to ensure they are competent riders and that they will fit in with the rest of the group. Very important with a small group who will be together for three months. There was a cross section of ages among the 17 in Mike's group.

The first section of the journey was from London to Istanbul, travelling approximately 400 miles a day. The group stayed in hotels and met each evening to plan the next day and set their satnavs. In the mornings they set off individually sometimes meeting for lunch.

Travelling through France, Germany and Austria, Bulgaria, the former Yugoslavia to Istanbul. Mike and a companion had booked a cabin on a ferry across the Caspian Sea but the weather was so bad they slept on deck. From Turkey they followed the old silk route to China. This time travelling as a group as they had to have compulsory guides. Each

of these states had required a visa which had taken nearly six months to acquire. This route took them through the former USSR states and it was noticeable the further east they travelled how much

poorer these people are.

The power and water supplies are erratic and the roads and sanitation are very bad. They were also camping in two person tents rather than using hotels. During this part of the trip the food was often scarce and they all suffered from sickness. During the trip Mike lost a stone and a half.

The customs in these countries were often corrupt, Mike had a shirt stolen at one, and food was often confiscated from the locals. The group had taken US dollars as this currency was accepted everywhere but had to keep it well hidden.

As some of this journey was at high altitude the group took tablets to protect against this. Their electric suits also proved their worth.

Once into Tibet it was very cold, the roads were even worse and as they were near the Afghanistan border they found the people and the landscape very inhospitable. In Tibet they all had to have an eye test to get a driving licence, as locals often cannot read and write the eye chart also contained pictures of animals. Travelling into Tibet from the north the road contains 84 hairpin bends.

Mike's impression of China was that it was a country of very big streams, a very rich and very poor country whose aim is to clothe, feed and house its people. At the end of the trip they flew home and the motorbikes were shipped back to the UK in a container ship.

Although he thoroughly enjoyed the trip he would not do it again.
Raffle: Jenny Stride, Mona Kent
Flower Competition:
Frances Jackson
Competition:
Jean Graham (1st and 2nd)



Elsie Foster 1925-2019

It is with great sadness that we report that after a short stay in Carlisle hospital Elsie Foster (nee Lightfoot) passed away peacefully on 5th September 2019.

Elsie who was born at Hayton (Aspatria) post office on the 15th October 1925 was well known by many people in the area due to her involvement with so many local organisations. Elsie was the third daughter to Matt and Hannah Lightfoot, sister to Florence, Nellie and Harry. Matt was the local joiner and wheelwright in Hayton and together with Hannah ran the post office at Hayton. Elsie attended school at Hayton and then on leaving school secured a job at Mortons at Cummersdale, Carlisle, biking to Aspatria each day to catch the train to Carlisle and then making the return journey at night after a hard days' work. As a young girl Elsie enjoyed the local dances and it was at the local dance at Hayton when she met Donald the love of her life; Donald having cycled from Abbeytown to attend the dance. Unfortunately War broke out in 1939 and Donald went off to serve his country in North Africa, Greece and Italy, this would do nothing to weaken their love for each other, Donald spending much of any free time he had writing letters home to Elsie who obviously replied to each letter she received. Eventually the war ended and Donald was able to return home; arriving back at Carlisle station on 2nd April 1946 to be met there by Elsie and his sister Audrey.

On the 25th May 1946 Elsie and Donald were married at St James Church, Hayton and they would go on to enjoy 72 years of married life together. They lived firstly at Oughterside, then moving to 29 Friars Garth, Abbeytown in 1955 with their three children Maureen, Stanley and Irene their fourth child Norman being born in Abbeytown in 1956. Elsie along with her husband Donald would go on to be involved with many organisations in the area.

While working as the post lady in Abbeytown and at the same time a dinner lady at Abbeytown school Elsie would also be bringing up her four children, but also found time to be involved in many organisations. At a time when Abbeytown Women's Institute would have up to 100 members Elsie carried out the role as secretary for several years, giving her time; to ensure other people could enjoy themselves. This was at a time when the WI Flower show



was a big event in the Abbeytown calendar, Elsie was busy helping to organise the event while at the same time winning awards for her baking and handicraft skills, Donald winning awards for his garden produce, encouraged to enter by Elsie. The Mothers Union also played an important part in Elsie's life; with Elsie involving herself in all that was going on.

Elsie along with Donald served on the Holme Cultram Abbey Church council for many years, working away to ensure that everything ran smoothly. She also took on the role of organising the flower rota at the Church, producing some lovely flower displays herself. The Church opened a shop, this was housed in what is currently the tea rooms, Elsie volunteered to help to run it, spending many hours ordering stock, arranging the shop, organising a rota and serving in the shop herself, more recently being helped by her granddaughters. It was a proud moment for Elsie and her family when she was chosen to be presented to Princess Margaret who visited the Abbey in 1973 to open the Arts centre.

Elsie along with Donald also served on the village Hall committee and was a keen member of the indoor Bowling club for many years. Elsie also delivered the Church magazines for many years and was a "Solway Buzz paper girl" in her 80's! In the Funeral service at Holme Cultram Abbey, Canon Bryan Rothwell made a very kind and fitting tribute to Elsie focussing on her service to family, friends and community. The final Hymn was Jerusalem, a fitting hymn for a stalwart of the Womens Institute. Many thanks to the Holme Cultram Ladies who provided refreshments after the service.

The collection was divided between Holme Cultram Abbey and the Childrens Society a cause which Donald and Elsie had supported through their lives

As friends stated in their sympathy card "Elsie and Donald were stalwarts of the village and of the many organisations—their like we feel we'll never see again."

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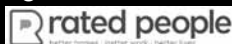
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Autumn Visitors to Silloth Dock

Report & Photos by:
John Forrester
More coverage of shipping at
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An interesting few weeks at the dock featuring a variety of ships, some making their first visit while others were familiar faces. Ships were photographed arriving from Northern Ireland, mainland Europe, and one from much further afield.

Firstly, BURGTOR arrived on a bright September afternoon with furnace bottom ash from Londonderry. This material is the valuable residue from burning fossil fuels in power stations and finds use in the construction industry. The ship was photographed manoeuvring off the port before making her entrance. Another familiar ship, VERITY, made two visits during September. A daytime arrival from France made for some dramatic shots as she completed the tight turn around the outer dock wall into Marshall Dock. Once in calm water she was soon brought alongside ready to begin unloading a cargo of wheat.

Another repeat visitor, MARIE B, attempted to cause confusion with a livery change from green to blue and a minor name

change from MARIE-B, losing the hyphen. However, shipping authorities have safeguards in place to overcome any confusion as every ship is assigned a unique identification number which is carried throughout their lifetime. The sailing from Lithuania via the Baltic Sea and Kiel Canal should have been straightforward however she encountered unseasonably strong westerlies in the English Channel which delayed her arrival.

The most notable visitor was the ELKE, a new ship for Silloth, which had made the 3,700 mile sailing from the Georgian port of Poti in the Black Sea. This epic 20 day journey took her through the Bosphorus, passing Istanbul, into the Aegean Sea and onward into the Mediterranean. This route would have made an attractive summer holiday cruise! This was the second delivery of the year from this distant port which is becoming an important regional centre for the export of fertiliser. ELKE was only in dock for 24 hours before she set sail again for Germany - a ship in high demand.





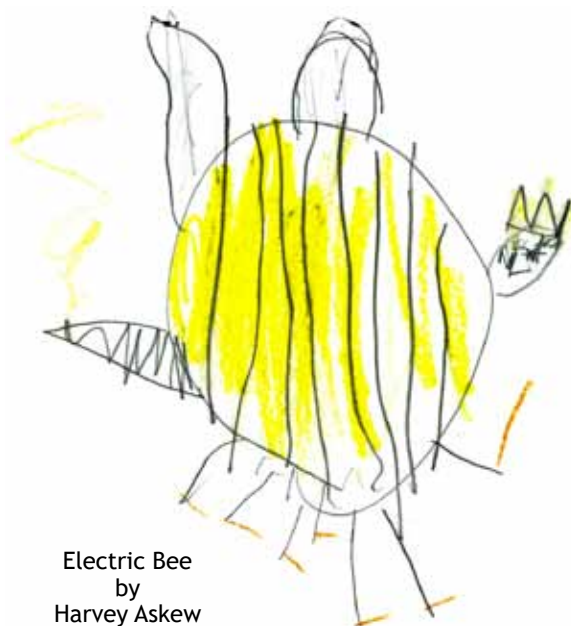
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School Lane Parking Safety Campaign



PCSO Peter Nichol attended Silloth Primary School and along with head teacher Rachel Ingrams and pupils from year six they displayed road safety signs supplied by the Police and Crime Commissioner to educate drivers about how they drive and park on the entry to the school.

The year six pupils used the signs on Skinburness Road so that drivers can be made aware of how their driving can affect pupils safety, as they attend and leave school.

The pupils were extremely enthusiastic and did a fantastic job letting both members of the public and parents alike know about the important issues of speeding near the school and the dangers of parking at junctions that can put the safety of the pupils at risk.

The public response from the year six pupils using the signs was extremely positive with everybody agreeing how important the message is that they were getting across to the people of Silloth.

Silloth Primary School's 'Show You Care, Park Elsewhere' Campaign is aimed at parents and carers who repeatedly drive onto and park on School Lane (including on the pavements), at the beginning and end of the school day, which endangers our children.

The congestion is also very annoying for the schools neighbours.

If you live in Silloth, please walk your child to school as this helps them develop fitness, walking is kinder to the environment and fewer cars around the school means a safer place for all.

September & October Shipping at the Port of Silloth

Report by: Capt Tim Riley, Harbour Master, Short Sea Pilot

September
2nd Verity from Ghent with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Kilroot.

5th Burgtor from Londonderry with a cargo of Furness Bottom Ash then on to Belfast.

13th Verity from La Pallice with a cargo of Wheat then on to Ayr.

17th Ayress from Ardrishaig with a cargo of Logs then on to Kilroot.

24th Sea Kestrel from Southampton with a cargo of Wheat then on to Penrhyn.

October

12th Marie B from Klaipeda with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Kilroot.

17th Elke from Poti with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Rostock

25th Eastern Vanquish from

Les Sables with a cargo of Wheat then on to Kilroot.

29th Eastern Vanquish from Kilroot with a cargo of Furness Bottom Ash then on to Stornoway.

September was a busy month at Silloth once again, not the busiest in terms of shipping, but with the dock gate!

We are now set on our course to meet the same cargo levels as last year and hopefully exceed them slightly, subject as ever to the omnipresent threat of something called Brexit, which most people have never heard of..... or have they?

Not so much fertiliser this month, but a welcome return of FBA (Furness Bottom Ash) and logs. Keeping us in line for a good month.

This month also saw the return of wheat produced within our own borders for a change, reducing the number of trucks on the road by 75 with just this one small ship. Hopefully this will allow the residents of Silloth to see that the local

businesses are working to reduce traffic here within our town.

Work on our dock gate proceeds according to plan with a lot of overtime and weekend work being done behind the scenes. Hopefully we will have the gates back in use within the week ending 12th October and be able to accommodate our old faithful, Zapadnyy a little later in the month.

October was another good month for Silloth port as we have again exceeded our budget planning for vessel calls.

With cargoes coming from the Baltic, the Black Sea, Ireland and France, we work around Europe, but also with countries not in the EU, Brexit will make little difference to the operations in the port, but may make substantial differences to our clients and customers.

With further delays on the horizon to any Brexit decision, we all have our fingers crossed here in the Port of Silloth that something happens soon and hopefully in the favour of all our customers.

Silloth Tide Tables

| DECEMBER 2019 | | | | | | | | SILLOTH | |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|------|-----------|---------|--|
| Date | DEPTHS ON NEW DOCK GAUGE (1.8m ABOVE CD) | | | | | | | | |
| | High Water | | | | Low Water | | | | |
| | Morning | | Afternoon | | Morning | | Afternoon | | |
| | Time | m | Time | m | Time | m | Time | m | |
| 1 SU | 02:16 | 6.4 | 14:31 | 6.6 | 09:11 | 0.0 | 21:39 | 0.0 | |
| 2 M | 02:59 | 6.0 | 15:17 | 6.2 | 09:47 | 0.3 | 22:21 | 0.2 | |
| 3 TU | 03:49 | 5.4 | 16:13 | 5.7 | 10:29 | 0.6 | 23:12 | 0.5 | |
| 4 W | 04:50 | 5.1 | 17:19 | 5.4 | 11:25 | 0.9 | | | |
| 5 TH | 06:03 | 4.9 | 18:31 | 5.3 | 00:15 | 0.6 | 12:37 | 1.0 | |
| 6 F | 07:16 | 4.9 | 19:35 | 5.4 | 01:24 | 0.6 | 13:51 | 0.9 | |
| 7 SA | 08:18 | 5.2 | 20:32 | 5.7 | 02:25 | 0.5 | 14:50 | 0.6 | |
| 8 SU | 09:08 | 5.6 | 21:19 | 6.1 | 03:19 | 0.2 | 15:43 | 0.3 | |
| 9 M | 09:48 | 6.1 | 21:59 | 6.4 | 04:06 | 0.0 | 16:29 | 0.0 | |
| 10 TU | 10:24 | 6.5 | 22:37 | 6.7 | 04:49 | -0.3 | 17:12 | -0.3 | |
| 11 W | 10:59 | 6.8 | 23:14 | 7.0 | 05:31 | -0.5 | 17:54 | -0.5 | |
| 12 TH | 11:34 | 7.1 | 23:51 | 7.1 | 06:12 | -0.6 | 18:38 | -0.6 | |
| 13 F | | | 12:10 | 7.2 | 06:52 | -0.7 | 19:20 | -0.7 | |
| 14 SA | 00:30 | 7.2 | 12:48 | 7.3 | 07:33 | -0.7 | 20:02 | -0.7 | |
| 15 SU | 01:14 | 7.1 | 13:33 | 7.2 | 08:13 | -0.5 | 20:46 | -0.6 | |
| 16 M | 02:00 | 7.0 | 14:20 | 7.0 | 08:55 | -0.4 | 21:31 | -0.5 | |
| 17 TU | 02:51 | 6.6 | 15:12 | 6.7 | 09:39 | -0.2 | 22:20 | -0.3 | |
| 18 W | 03:48 | 6.3 | 16:13 | 6.4 | 10:30 | 0.0 | 23:17 | -0.2 | |
| 19 TH | 04:53 | 6.1 | 17:22 | 6.3 | 11:30 | 0.2 | | | |
| 20 F | 06:03 | 5.8 | 18:33 | 6.2 | 00:22 | -0.1 | 12:36 | 0.2 | |
| 21 SA | 07:14 | 6.0 | 19:40 | 6.3 | 01:29 | -0.1 | 13:48 | 0.2 | |
| 22 SU | 08:20 | 6.2 | 20:44 | 6.5 | 02:36 | -0.3 | 14:57 | 0.0 | |
| 23 M | 09:18 | 6.5 | 21:39 | 6.7 | 03:41 | -0.4 | 16:01 | -0.3 | |
| 24 TU | 10:08 | 6.8 | 22:29 | 7.0 | 04:38 | -0.5 | 17:00 | -0.5 | |
| 25 W | 10:54 | 7.1 | 23:15 | 7.1 | 05:30 | -0.7 | 17:52 | -0.6 | |
| 26 TH | 11:36 | 7.3 | 23:59 | 7.1 | 06:16 | -0.7 | 18:41 | -0.7 | |
| 27 F | | | 12:16 | 7.3 | 06:58 | -0.7 | 19:25 | -0.7 | |
| 28 SA | 00:39 | 7.0 | 12:55 | 7.2 | 07:38 | -0.5 | 20:06 | -0.6 | |
| 29 SU | 01:19 | 6.7 | 13:33 | 7.1 | 08:15 | -0.4 | 20:45 | -0.5 | |
| 30 M | 01:57 | 6.5 | 14:11 | 6.8 | 08:50 | -0.2 | 21:19 | -0.3 | |
| 31 TU | 02:35 | 6.2 | 14:50 | 6.5 | 09:22 | 0.0 | 21:52 | 0.0 | |

Time Zone UT (GMT)

Five Generations!



Lilian Hannah, the oldest resident at Good Companions Care home, Silloth, celebrated her 98th birthday in August. Pictured here, (left to right), with granddaughter Wendy, daughter

Denise, great-great grandson Lewis, and great granddaughter Natalie. Lilian celebrated her birthday with a family party, on a lovely sunny day in Abbeytown.

Lorna Deserves Silver Award

Report by: Owen Martin

On Saturday 12th October four team members Pete, Lorna, Nicola and Owen went to Kendal to represent Silloth First Responders at the North West Ambulance Service celebrations for twenty years of First Responders (we've only reached 18 years).

The team had been asked if we had anyone we could nominate for their year's service volunteering as a First Responder. We all agreed that Lorna Gilmour would be the one to be nominated but she wasn't aware about this.

We were the first team to get a mention in that our team had brought a patient back to life 18 years ago and he's still alive today.

At night we attended the dinner dance and presentation for the awards given out to outstanding and remarkable Responders. The night was hosted by ITV reporter Paul Crone.

It was a lovely surprise for Lorna when she heard her name mentioned for being awarded the Silver Remarkable Responder award in recognition of her valued contribution to the ambulance service and local community. It was a very proud moment for the team past and present and Lorna to be recognised for her achievements as part of our very well recognised and respected team.

Thank you all for representing our team at such a great event and



thanks to Nwas for a great day. Thanks to everyone who has

responded and is or has been part of a great team of First Responders.

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| Sunday 1 st December | Silloth Library | 2.00pm |
| Tuesday 10 th December | Silloth Medical Practice car park | 11.00am |
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| Tuesday 24 th December | Silloth Medical Practice car park | 11.00am |

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