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Waver Wine Circle

Report by: Stuart Jones

Despite three members being unable to join us to celebrate our Chairman's 83rd Birthday, for which Bill provided a lovely chocolate cake to get the meeting underway, the scheduled Cider Tasting commenced after a Happy Birthday rendering. Good luck

The winner of the Cider Tasting by a short head, announced by Graham, was Terry with his Woodgate Apple Cider with Bill a close second with his Kopperberg Cider.

The draw prize, as usual organised by Stella, gifted by Janet was won by Stephen.

For the December 14th meeting, our Christmas meal, please be seated at 7pm prompt in



Happy 83rd birthday Bill

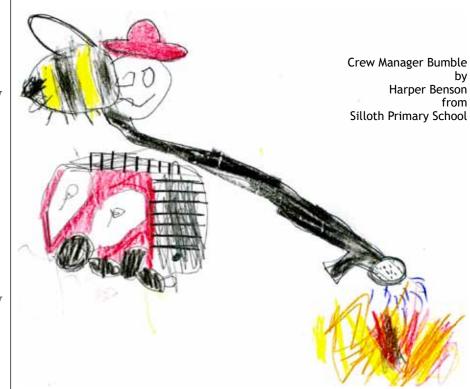
the Village Hall AND don't forget to bring your own crockery, cutlery and beverage. Of course we all look

forward to seeing our 'Secret Santa' pressies! Also remember to pay Treasurer Stella £10 per head. Thank you very much Stella for organising the event.

Alteration to January meeting it will now be our annual games night, organised as usual by Graham and Janet followed in February by a beer tasting.

Look forward to seeing you all, in party spirit next month.

In the meantime, do take extra care and stay healthy and





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Christmas Fraudsters Stole £15.3M

New figures revealed victims of online shopping scams lost on average £1,000 per person during last year's festive shopping season.

The figures, which come from reports made to Action Fraud and analysed by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB), showed that shoppers across England, Wales and Northern Ireland were scammed out of £15.3m between November 2021 and January 2022, and that the age group most likely to fall victim was 19 to 25-year-olds.

Scams ranged from one shopper losing more than £150 trying to purchase a mobile phone on social media to another being duped out of more than £7,000 during an attempted online campervan

purchase. Meanwhile, another victim lost almost £500 when trying to buy shoes on a social media platform, and a fourth lost £145 trying to make a similar purchase.

Top tips to shop online securely this festive season: Action Fraud and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) are urging online shoppers to protect their accounts, check before they buy, and use secure payment methods in order to stay ahead of the threat from criminals this shopping season:

Protect your accounts: set up 2-step verification and use three random words passwords to prevent cyber criminals from gaining access to your shopping, bank or email accounts. Choose carefully where you shop: Research online retailers,

particularly if you haven't bought from them before, to check they're legitimate. Read feedback from people or organisations that you trust, such as consumer websites. Pay securely: Use a credit card when shopping online, if you have one. Most major credit card providers protect online purchases and are obliged to refund you in certain circumstances. Using a credit card (rather than a debit card) also means that if your payment details are stolen, your main bank account won't be directly affected. Also consider using a payment platform, such as PayPal, Google or Apple Pay. And whenever you pay, look for the closed padlock in the web address bar – it means your connection is

Wishing Well Theft



It is with sadness that the Members of Silloth 41 Club make this report.

Around eighty years ago Silloth Round Table built a wishing well on Silloth Green for the benefit of the youth organisations around Silloth and district. Ever since then all the money that was put into the well by children and adults has been distributed by Round Tablers, and now that the local Round Table has closed, by the ex Tablers, known as 41 club. The 41 Club members have continued to distribute the money from the wishing well in the same way, resulting in many youth organisations being supported.

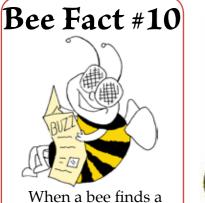
Over all these years very little

damage has been done to the well, but recently a very dishonest person decided to steal the money and has caused over £100 worth of damage as well as taken any money that was in the well.

We left it unrepaired for a month and had a person watch over it, in the hope that the person responsible would be found.

So, if the dishonest person would prefer their identity to be cleared, maybe they would like to return the money they took so that we would be able to support another youth organisation in the Silloth and District area.

Many thanks to all those who have made a wish and donated to the cause over the years.



good source of nectar, it returns to the hive and performs a 'waggle dance' to tell the other bees all about it. It is actually communicating the exact location of the flower in relation to both the hive and the sun through dance!



Karate Bee by Dominic Burdett from Holm Cultram Abbey School







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Stephen, Roland & Graham Stanwix

Stanwix Park are delighted to announce that at the 2022/23 AA Caravan & Camping Awards they have been awarded:

AA HOLIDAY CENTRE OF THE YEAR!

A Special Message from Roland, Graham & Stephen Stanwix:

As owners we are so unbelievably proud of this huge achievement! To be selected Number 1 out of 2,000 Holiday Parks is Fantastic!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all Managers, Supervisors and Staff for all of their hard work; the positive vibe and high profile we have is down to their efforts.

Stanwix Park would not be the success it is today without all of our loyal Tenants, Holiday Makers and Customers old and new. We Thank You for your continued support, here's to many more fantastic years to come. Cheers!

Here at Stanwix Park we feel our number one quality is the welcoming, friendly faces of our familiar staff members; customers comment and leave feedback emphasising the positive vibe that is created and delivered, resulting in a level of excellent customer service and experience. One guest recently said upon check-in 'We are HOME!'.

As we eagerly passed on the good news to our staff here's what some of them had to say:

"I was absolutely over the moon when I heard Stanwix Park has been awarded Holiday Centre of Year. The hardworking staff and management team thoroughly deserve it". GRAHAM B

"It made me feel so proud to work at Stanwix Park. Its encouraging to think that people have noticed all the hard work we have put in. Great team". MARK

Wow! Winning Holiday Centre of the Year 2022/23! What an achievement! To win this award through recognition of our hard work and success is just amazing! I am so proud to be part of such a fantastic and supportive team and together we have nailed it! We are all a credit to Team SP". JADE





am so proud to be part of such a great achievement - number 1 out of 2,000 Holiday Parks – it's just simply fantastic. The team work extra hard day in day out – we are one big Family, well done everyone. 2023 is set to be even better!" SOPHIE

"Winning the award for Holiday Centre of the Year is a massive achievement and I am so proud that all of our hard work has paid off. Stanwix Park is not only a job for me but it's a family and social life. I love the fact that we get to meet new people week in week out. I am sure that as Team SP we can continue to deliver top quality customer experiences and hopefully many more awards in the future". MATTY





of the Year

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2022/23

Stanwix Park are AA Holiday Centre of the Year 2022/2023









2023 at **Stanwix**

Looking ahead to 2023, we have lots of exciting things happening at Stanwix! We are already preparing for another action-packed year.

Keep an eye on our website and social media pages for upand-coming events such as Retro Music Weekend, Family Fun Days at The Cabin Bar, Soul Weekend, Special guests to the Sunset Inn such as Simply Sheeran, Little Fix, Movie Magic and all of our usual chaos with Foxy Fox and the team! Entertainment for The Dunes Cabaret bar (16yrs+) will be available at www.stanwix.com very soon!



If you don't already use our leisure centre now is a great time to visit us! Take advantage of our Saver Rate Day Passes. £5 per adult, £4 per child and under 5's go free. (Available until 10th February 2023, no day passes available over the New Year

Included for the day is



Unlimited use of the leisure centre - Swimming Pool, Gym, Jacuzzi, Sauna, Steam Room, Heated Loungers, Foot Spas & experience showers! Entrance to JJ's Bowl, Arcade & Foxy's Mini Soft Play. Entrance The Sky Bar and The Garden Cafe. Day passes available from Reception, on the day - for the same day, (no entertainment).







Harlequin Choir



Report by: Margaret English

On Friday 2nd December the Harlequin Choir returned to Christ Church after a gap of three years to support the RNLI Silloth branch.

The choir with Claire Mattinson their musical director sang a variety of Christmas songs and carols; with the help of song sheets the audience were able to join in.

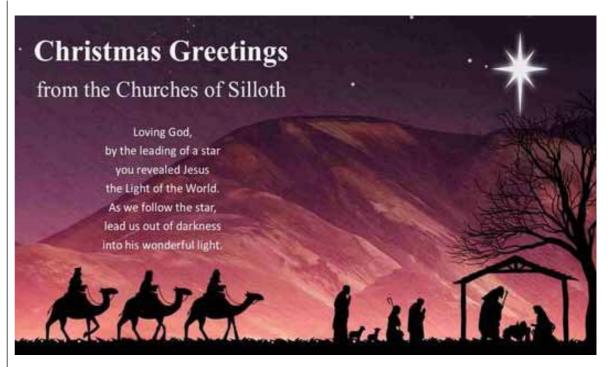
Everyone was treated to a fun

evening and at half time enjoyed mulled wine with mince pies and

After costs £478 was raised, which is a wonderful result.

The raffle was enormous and thank you to all of those people who provided the prizes.

Most of all our thanks go to everyone who joined us on the night and were so generous and all proceeds go to the Silloth and District RNLI fund raising group.



Christmas Services in Silloth 2022

CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB

Saturday 17th December at 6.00pm - All Welcome!

Join us as we sing some favourite Carols outside Christ Church round the Christmas Crib scene followed by refreshments and seasonal entertainment in the Church

CHRIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY January 1st

Contact Reval Bryan Rothu

SUNDAY December 18th 11.00am CAROL SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00pm CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE 11.30pm 10.00am

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION 9.00am CHRISTMAS COMMUNION UNITED SERVICE in Abbeytow

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CHRISTMAS DAY 10.45am MORNING SERVICE 11.30pm WATCHNIGHT SERVICE at Westhaven, 4 Skinburness Rd

GREENROW PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

SUNDAY December 11th Contact Margaret Gate 016973 32248

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

CHRISTMAS EVE

CORNERSTONE METHODIST CHURCH

For Methodist services being held at WIGTON CHURCH Contact Revd Philip Jackson 016973 42468 philip Jackson@methodist.org.uk

We wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas and God's blessing for the New Year



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Silloth-on-Solway Town Council Town Plan Consultation 2022 ~ Survey 3

Silloth Town Council are conducting a Town Plan.

This Plan will enable the Town Council to work with strategic and local groups to make changes in Silloth for the benefit of locals and visitors. There will be four questionnaires over eight months and some public meetings and street interviews. For this third survey we want to know your views on people's well-being.

Please complete the questions below so we can understand what people, want, need, and are prepared to support. 1. Do you live in Silloth or are you a visitor? Local Visitor 2. Please tell us your age: Under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64	7. How could we encourage people to keep learning more in and around Silloth: a. Do you know about the Adult Learning offer locally? Yes No No Course No Course Starting at Silloth Community Hall in January No Course Starting at Silloth Community Hall in January 2023 on Gardening, Computer Skills and Family History which are being run by WEA. More information is available at www.sillothcommunityhall.co.uk. d. Would you like to see more learning opportunities and if so what sort? Yes No Don't know Comment:
3. Please tell us your gender:	
Male Female Prefer not to say Well-being is about physical, economic and social well-being. The five ways to well-being are defined as: connect, be active, take notice, keep learning, and give. 4. How could we encourage people to connect more in and around Silloth: Yes No Don't know Are there enough social activities in Silloth? Could you help with organising social activities? Please give your name at the end of the survey if you can help. Comment:	8. How could we encourage people to give more in and around Silloth: a. Are local charities and good causes well supported? Yes No Don't know We have recently set up a Warm Spot in Silloth Community Hall, every Monday from 11am to 1pm which is open to everyone. Pop along for a hot drink and a warm welcome. b. Are there more needs in the community that local people could work together to meet? Do you have any other suggestions on encouraging people to get together and get involved in activities? Yes No Don't know Comment:
	9. Do you have any other thoughts on ways the Council and community could work
5. How could we encourage people to be active more in and around Silloth:	together to improve the well-being of the people in our area. Comment:
 a: Would you support placing outdoor Gym equipment on the Green? Yes No Don't know b: Would you participate in organised outdoor exercise on the Green? Yes No Don't know c: Are there enough physical activities for young people in Silloth? 	10. As a local resident, how much more Council Tax would you be prepared to pay the
Yes No Don't know Comment:	Town Council to see these actions carried out? We know we have asked this question before, but this relates to these actions so please do answer it again – thank you! I wouldn't pay more 10p per week 50p per week £1 per week Other (please specify)
d: Plans are currently underway to set up a Parkrun in Silloth. For more information contact adam.campion@parkrun.com. Would you be interested in getting involved ie as a volunteer or a participant? Volunteer Participant No	11. Could you be involved in making any of these actions happen? No Yes (If Yes please tell us your name and email or phone number)
Please tell us your name and email or phone number:	The results of these surveys, the interviews and meetings will be on the Town Council website: https://www.silloth-on-solway.co.uk/
6. How could we encourage people to take notice more in and around Silloth: a. Are people caring and supportive of each other? Yes No Don't know b. Do neighbours look out for each other?	The final consultation will be: • February: Transport and infrastructure - including access to services and improvements to roads Thank you for completing this survey. Please get involved in the next issue we are consulting on and come to the Town Plan launch in May 2023.
Yes No Don't know Comment:	Completed surveys to be returned to: Silloth-on-Solway Town Council 5 Burnswark Terrace, Solway Street, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4EF Tel: 016973 31128 Mob: 0777 5686857 Email: townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk Web: www.silloth-on-solway.co.uk

Or complete online using this link: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZB798LL

Abbey Christmas Fayre Christmas Munch Lunch



We were delighted to have our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November.

We all had an enjoyable weekend and special thanks go to all our stall holders, volunteers and everyone

who supported us over the weekend, without your support the event wouldn't have been a huge success.

We are pleased to say that we raised a fabulous £3,297.05 which will go towards the running and restoration costs of the Abbey.

The PCC are ever grateful for all those who support our fundraising events which help to keep our beautiful building

Combined **Total Raised** £5,888.05



On Wednesday 30th November Holme Cultram Abbey held our annual Christmas Munch Lunch in the Abbev.

We prepared 70 meals as takeaways and served approximately 91 seated meals with Grace being said by Reverend Canon Bryan

Rothwell. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying a meal together.

A fabulous total of £2,591.00 was raised from all the meals and a raffle. Thank you to all those who generously donated towards this delicious Christmas Munch and made it such a

successful event. Thank you also to all our volunteers who worked tirelessly to prepare and serve all the meals we couldn't have done it without them. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year and look forward to seeing everyone in 2023.







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The course will cover preparing the ground by planning what to grow, when to grow and how to grow to gain the maximum output (crops). How to protect crops in the open, making your st and fertilizer, identify aspects that could go wrong and how to remedy.



8-week Beginners Computer Skills course. starting on Tuesday 10 January 2023, 1.30pm to

The course will give the student the basic aspects of computing, which will build up their confidence such as producing a letter, searching the World Wide Web (WWW), sending an 'e' Mail. The course is for the older person who has no knowledge of using a computer. The course will give the basics of using a computer such as logging on, closing down, using the keyboard, opening a programme, and other aspects will give the student confidence in using a computer.



8-week Family History course, starting on Tuesday 10 January 2023, 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

The course is about researching your family history and what it involves. This research will involve communicating with your family, looking at old photographs, letters, family Bible if you still have one, looking at Censuses, Births, Deaths and Marriages and visiting places associated with your family. Using the computer for information, visiting the library to look at old newspapers.

For more information and details about how to enrol, check out the Silloth Community Hall website at www.sillothcommunityhall.co.uk or email: info@sillothcommunityhall.co.uk

A Beautiful Year in Silloth Community Garden

Photos: Caroline Turner/Judith Scott. Words: Caroline Turner

We are looking forward to a fun, colourful & productive New Year. Here is a small reminder of what is hopefully to come in 2023!

Come along and join in on Wednesday mornings, everyone is welcome!



And, don't forget to keep deadheading your winter bedding like violas, wallflowers and polyanthus to prolong flowering. And, lots of weeding!



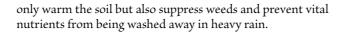




To warm your soil in preparation for early seed sowing cover it with a cloche or use black plastic which will not













Saturnalia in Silloth @ Hadrian's Wall 1900



The Saturnalia Tour is being delivered to bring to a close the Hadrian's Wall 1900 Festival which began in January 2022 to celebrate the 1,900th anniversary of the

construction of Hadrian's Wall. Saturnalia was possibly the most opular Roman festival and is most closely associated with Christmas and merrymaking. The word 'Saturnalia' meanings 'an occasion of vild revelry or

indulgence. Silloth Youth Club recently spent an evening creating clay images of creatures the same way that the romans used to.

These will be fired for them.

This was just one of a series of activities in communities all the way from South Shields to Maryport.



last Saturnalia event is on Silloth Green from 4:30pm to 7pm on the 19th December Entry is free and everyone is invited. The event is unlikely to be cancelled, whatever the weather, so wrap up well.

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Saturnalia: it's a night of mischief, magic and misrule. Every 100 years a hardy band of mischief makers arrive to make

They're here to throw a party The original pop-up party A celebration along the wall, its ancient stones bursting with stories A celebration of Saturn, god of time, growth, abundance and peace Most importantly, a celebration of all of us, right now A chance to capture the moment, to carpe the diem

These mischief makers, these noise-makers, these light-bearers, these fire-lighters

They are your guides, your fellow revellers They've got stories to tell you Songs to sing you Hot apple to brew A dance move or two

This is a party at your place, your bit of wall, your slice of history. A party made by those who turn up. What do you bring? Just yourselves, we'll take care of the

DO I NEED A TICKET? No the events are free to attend, and no booking is required.

Silloth Christmas Lights Switch-On in Christ Church















Pop along for a hot drink

and a warm welcome. Open to everyone.

IS THE EVENT SUITABLE

FOR CHILDREN? Yes, the events

are suitable for families and people

IS THE EVENT SUITABLE

FOR DOGS? The events will feature

which might be frightening for dogs,

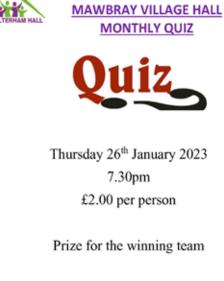
fire and some pyrotechnic effects

so we would advise leaving pets at

of all ages.







glasses.

Teams of up to 4. Numbers are limited. Please pre-book £3 per head at Mrs Wilson's. Tel 016973 31155



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 3rd February 2023 7.30pm in Mrs WILSON'S **Criffel Street**







Your Buzzing Letters & Poems

Dear Buzz,



Happy Birthday to Neil Fearon. This little trucker was 60 on the 11th December.

With Love from MAM xxx Dear Buzz,

On behalf of all the pensioners I would like to thank the volunteers, Stanwix Park and the sponsors for making the Silloth & District Pensioners Christmas Party such a successful day. The food was lovely and the entertainment great. So check those birth certificates, you will be most welcome, it is for all pensioners including those at the younger end as well.

Do not be shy, you are allowed to have a little fun after retirement.

C Briggs

Dear Buzz,

Being the original whinge of the town I was pleased to see the Christmas lights switched on, but was very disappointed that our beloved tree on Eden Street did not get any.

I thought after 3 years of being cordoned off it at least deserved a fairy on top?

Would the persons or council please step forward and collect their Golden Cuckoo award for sheer inefficiency. It would also be nice to know when the road in Solway Street will be completed, or are we going to wait another ten years for that? What visitors think I will never know, at least they do not have to live with it.

Christmas With The Army by Joan Bennett

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing, sounds float on the air, Shop windows gaily decorated, bright lights everywhere, Brass band playing loudly, singers in good voice, Shoppers buying presents, hope for a happy choice

Some find Christmas lots of fun, gifts and food galore, Others find it hard to cope, for they are very poor, Weary souls that have no home, they live on the street, Some of them have gone astray they are so sad to meet.

Some of them do this from choice they like the open air. They feel this gives them freedom, a life without a care. The Salvation Army does God's works, they all understand, The Lord's poor souls that go astray, need a helping hand.

The Citadel on Christmas Eve is full of weary souls, They have no home to go to, they sleep out in the cold, Soldiers help to warm them, giving out blankets and food, Prayers are said at midnight, they're in a peaceful mood.

We're in God's house the Captain said, don't look so forlorn, We'll sing, pray, give our thanks, this bright Christmas morn. Thank you Sir a lady said, her back twisted and bent, You are a man of God I'm sure for you are heaven sent.

The Solway Buzz by Pauline Mole

Three cheers for the Solway Buzz, our own local rag, Which is far better than many a national mag The reporters and photographers show us all that's been, Of all the events that happened on The Green.

We can read and see what's going on with our sport, Even know details of the ships that sail into our Port. There are various adverts for all manner of jobs, Our very own Buzz is full of local bits and bobs.

The Diary Page gives us dates of places where to go. There's a list of phone numbers to help us what we want to know. A fun page for us to join up every dot, Which then reveals a picture to colour in, or not.

We enjoy the famous Letters Page where folks can give their views, Letters of thanks to show, or congratulations news. Then there's room for poems, some thoughtful, others funny, Everything is free to print and doesn't cost us any money.

We have to say a huge THANK YOU to Peter, For putting The Buzz together, And not forgetting the folks who deliver it Who come out in all kinds of weather.

So we say

Keep up the good work, and keep us in touch, Including tide times, our glorious sunsets, and news, Merry Christmas, The Whinge Yes, Three Cheers and thank you all so very much.

The Gate by Judy Rochester

Lovingly created over a century ago With steel and fire. Strong hands forming the spirals and curls In the heat of the forge Creating a work of art.

Now rusted with age, colours of the earth Reflected in the worn and flaking steel. Ivy and brambles are intertwined In the swirls of the wrought iron Like fingers reaching, searching.

The gate hides a secret. For many decades it has imprisoned The garden inside the walls, So overgrown that no one has bothered To release the beauty - until now.

The girl cuts away the growth of many years Liberating the gate from its decay. It opens and inside a wonderland Explodes into colour. The secret garden is now free.

Snow Globe by Sophia Lodhi

Diamonds, opals, crystals and pearls... Those dazzling gems describe An endless, sparkling winter world Through blizzards: glinting, bright...

Diamonds, opals, crystals, pearls Shine in snowstorms, white frost, ice; Crowning fir trees, roofs and spires ...Engaging our delight...

With moonbeam, glitter, flicker, fire -Captured, now, forever here; Timeless, in this frozen sphere: A microcosm - tiny, charmed, Light enough to pick up and Shake, tilt, turn within our hands.

The Present by Mrs. Jennifer Bailey

My Sweetheart bought it for me When I was just eighteen It was the most romantic thing That I had ever seen.

The pie-crust lid was midnight blue But the mirror soon cracked inside The golden 'J' upon that lid Filled me with love and pride.

I'd had my powder compact For nearly 60 years When it was taken from me I cried so many tears.

I saw it in a charity shop In Silloth where I live, And when I could I went inside To see what I should give.

For my name also starts with 'I' I knew it was mine of old, But when I asked to see it Was told it had been sold.

So now I've wept again you see And try through tears of woe, To tell myself it might not have been Mine so long ago.

Candlelight by Sophia Lodhi

Advent month was gloomy, dark; Winter's trees stood cold and stark; Grey clouds above, hard ground below... But look: you'll see a flicker glow,

A spark: so lucid, pure and true -Brightening, as it beckons you To come inside, where Christmas shines *In churches...homes: golden; divine!*

Come in, shake off the cold - get warm! ...See how candlelight adorns Each hope, each song, each wish, each life: For angels gift us candlelight!

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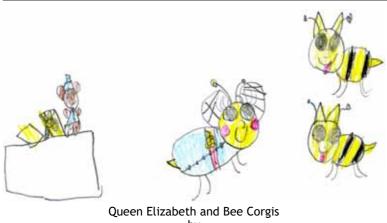
Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered Kids Rucksack to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and a £5 Gift Voucher from the Solway Buzz.

So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Local children return your drawing to your school 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.

This month the winner is Andrew **Hoodless from** Silloth Primary School with a bee drawing called "Buddha Bee".

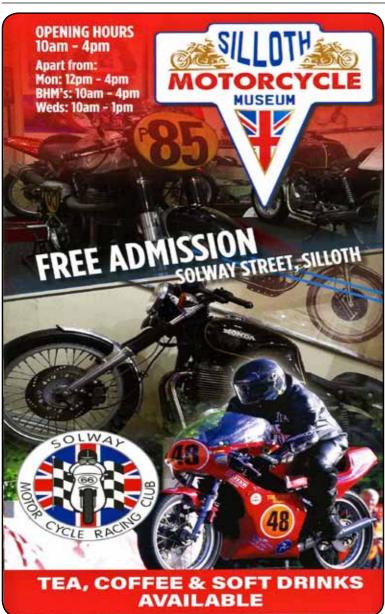
Well done!





Queen Elizabeth and Bee Corgis by Portia Ramsey from Holm Cultram Abbey School





Blencogo & District Garden Club



Report by: Linda Wood

Blencogo & District garden club met at Crooklands Farm where we all enjoyed an evening making Christmas wreaths.

Everyone was made welcome by Dot and her family with a glass of mulled wine and a lovely fire for those who enjoyed sitting around keeping warm and chatting.

At the end of the evening we were able to take our Christmas wreaths home with us. Thank you Dot and family for a lovely evening, all members had a great time

Blencogo & District garden's next meeting will be held on

Tuesday 21st March at 7:30pm in Blencogo Village Hall, starting with our AGM, and finishing the evening playing 'name that tune'.

Why not come along and join our club. Membership cost £10 for the year.

Contact Linda on 07538 027936.



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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.

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Silloth Community First Responders train on the first and third Tuesday of every month in Silloth Community Centre at 7pm.

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Please tell us when your group starts up again so we can let everyone know

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Dates for Your Diary

December

15th Silloth Youth Club Xmas Party in the RAFA Club @ 6:30pm, see advert

17th Top Gun Maverick at Mawbray Film Club, 7pm,

18th Carol Service in St Andrews Church at 11am followed by a bring & share lunch

18th Santas Sleigh on his travels from 3pm

18th Carols round the Crib at 6pm outside Christ Church

19th SATURNALIA
A night of mischief, magic & misrule on Silloth Green from 4:30pm to 7pm, FREE see advert

24th Children's Nativity at 6pm in Christ Church

24th Midnight Communion Service at 11:30pm in Christ Church

25th Family Communion Service at 9am in Christ Church

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

Have You Sent in Your Dates yet?

January 2023

1st Allonby Dook at noon, registration 11:15am in the village hall in aid of Maryport Rescue, see article

10th Beginners Gardening Course for 8 weeks starts today at 10am, see advert

10th Beginners Computer Skills Course for 8 weeks starts today at 1:30pm, see advert

10th Family History Course for 8 weeks starts today at 6pm, see advert

10th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

11th Causewayhead WI meeting in Christ Church at 2pm: History of Silloth part 2 John Molyneux

14th The Bad Guys at Mawbray Film Club, 7pm, see advert

18th Silloth Nursing Home League of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church Silloth, at 10am

26th Monthly Quiz at Mawbray Village Hall, 7pm, see advert

February

3rd RNLI Quiz Night in Mrs Wilson's, pre book in Mrs Wilson's, see advert

4th Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall at 10am

6th Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall at 7pm, entry £7, see advert

February cont'd

8th Causewayhead WI meeting in Christ Church at 2pm: speaker tbc

15th Silloth Nursing Home League of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church Silloth, at 10am

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

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

8th Causewayhead WI meeting in Christ Church at 2pm: Helens Herbs

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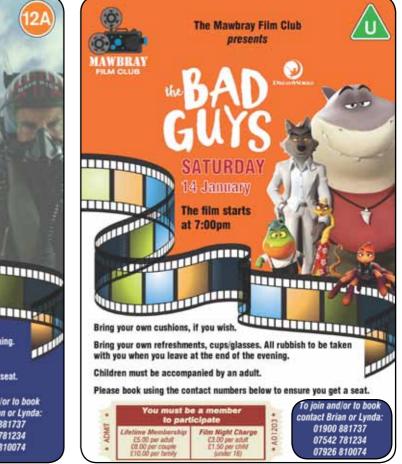
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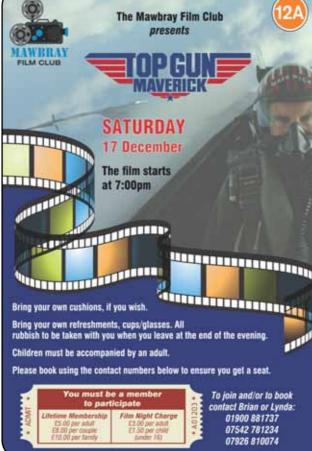
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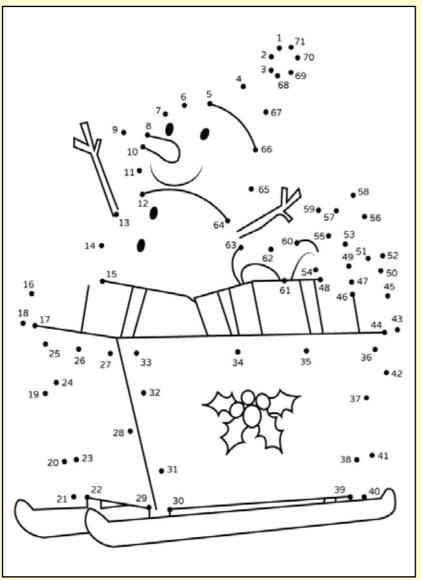
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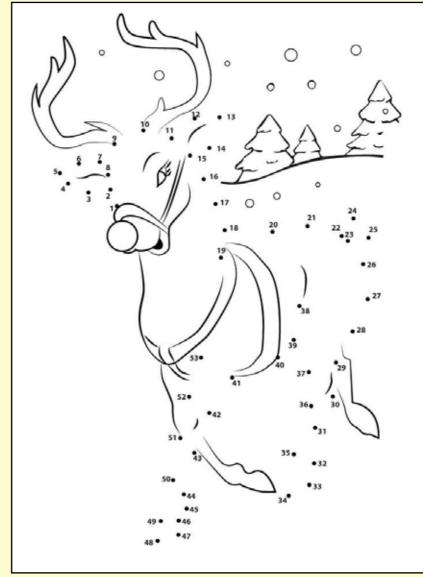


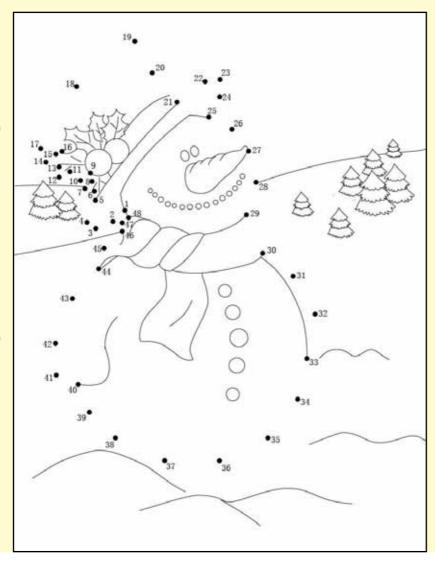


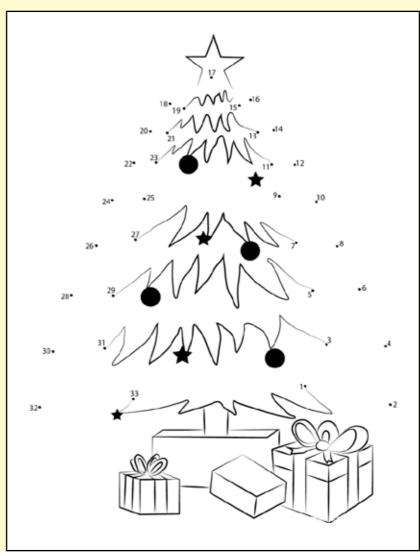
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Allonby Dook 2023



Report by: Susan Anderson

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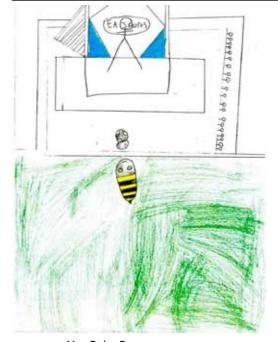
Registration will take place at the village hall from 11:15am. Participants join in at their own risk and under 18s MUST be accompanied by an adult if they wish to enter the water.

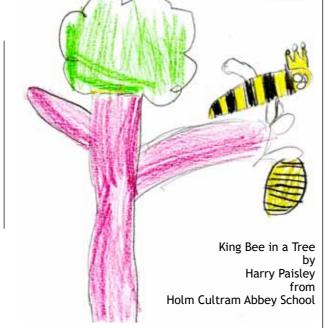
Fancy Dress is positively encouraged but not compulsory. Hot drinks and cake will be available in the village hall after the

We will, as usual be raising

money for Maryport Rescue who will be supporting the event. www.facebook.com/ donate/1992331987632687

Due to the weather we had to cancel at the 11th hour for the last dook but still raised over £800. We're hoping to raise £1500 this





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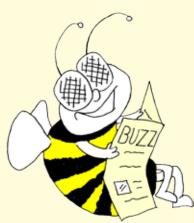
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Review of the Summer of 2022 at Silloth Dock



During a quiet autumn period at the port, an opportunity to look back at those long summer days and feature shipping not covered in previous issues. There are few better sights for ship enthusiasts than a ship approaching the port with the Scottish hills as a backdrop. An added bonus is when the scene is lit by bright sunshine. On days like those photographers go home wellpleased.

On one such day the general cargo vessel MITTELPLATE arrived with wheat from the port of Rouen. The French

port on the River Seine is a leading Western European cereal exporter. Sailing from the inland port involved an initial 75 miles along the twisting River Seine before heading west along the Channel to the Irish Sea. The Gibraltar registered ship, a new visitor to Silloth, looked in fine condition as she made her approach. The ship is operated by the German company 'Briese Shipping'. At 3,000 ton she is one of their smaller ships. The company operates a large fleet with vessels up to 60,000 tons. On the fine August afternoon

a crowd had gathered to watch the ship pass through the narrow dock entrance. It was a well controlled manoeuvre with the ship gracefully entering the outer dock.

In contrast, PAULA C arrived on a blustery July day illustrating the variability of our summer weather. As the ship approached the port interesting action photos were obtained. However, from her appearance the ship was showing signs of the rigours of life at sea and in need of a lick of paint. Nevertheless, the ship was guided smoothly into the dock loaded with a cargo of fertiliser from Belgium. The funnel logo was of the British company 'Carisbrooke Shipping' based on the Isle of Wight, and the port of registry Cowes, also on the island. The ship was another new visitor to Silloth. Let's hope she spends some time in dry dock for that lick of paint before her next visit; only the smartest ships will do for Silloth ship spotters!



Silloth Tide Table

JANUARY 2023

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November Shipping at the Port of Silloth

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

Only one ship and one fishing boat in this month, very slow and quiet.

Our old faithful Zapadnyy visited us with a part cargo of Molasses on the 13th and stayed an extra day or so due to the Ukrainian officers and crew wanting to celebrate the relief of Kherson and their being able to finally get in touch with family and friends at home as a local mobile internet access point had been set up in Kherson for their families and friends to connect to.

Ships crew were all in very good mood when we took the ship out on

The Camm Alert was in having a few modifications in order to comply with the latest Fishing boat regulations and left once completed.

Not much else happening in the World of ABP Silloth.

Cheers and Merry Christmas to all of you.

Competition Launched to Find Enterprising Young West Cumbrians



Called Positive Enterprise, the competition is open to young people living in Allerdale or Copeland and aged between 14 and 25 to help bring their enterprising ideas to life.

The aim of the programme is to empower young people to think differently and break down barriers for aspiring young entrepreneurs. It is looking to back young people who have a social business idea with ambition to make it into a reality.

Developed by Cumbria Community Foundation, Positive Enterprise is funded by Cumbrian property developer, Brian Scowcroft, with match funding from Sellafield Ltd as part of its Transforming West Cumbria programme, LLWR, Well Whitehaven, Morgan Sindall and Kaefer

Annalee Holliday, Senior Grants & Programmes Officer at Cumbria Community Foundation, said: "It

is very encouraging to see more funding allocated to creating opportunities after what comes on the back of a very challenging time for young people. Positive Enterprise will help them to develop their ideas that will benefit their peers, their communities and young people of the future."

Ten successful entrants will each be awarded £1,000 to help them realise their ambition. As well as receiving the grant, the

Foundation has teamed up with the Centre for Leadership Performance to provide six months of support, including a series of workshops, expert advice, mentoring and opportunities to shadow local entrepreneurs.

Catherine Eve, Executive
Director, at the Centre for
Leadership Performance, said: "We are delighted to be working with
Cumbria Community Foundation, the programme promotes self-belief, vision, efficacy, collaboration and resilience; a perfect development platform for young people to develop leadership skills, find their voice and promote ideas that will positively disrupt their

community and lead to innovation and improvement."

Any potential positive disrupters now have a short period to develop their ideas and apply by 5pm on Monday 9th January 2023. An advisory panel will meet to review all entries and winners will be announced at the end of January.

For information on how to enter: https://www. cumbriafoundation.org/ transforming-west-cumbria/ positive-enterprise



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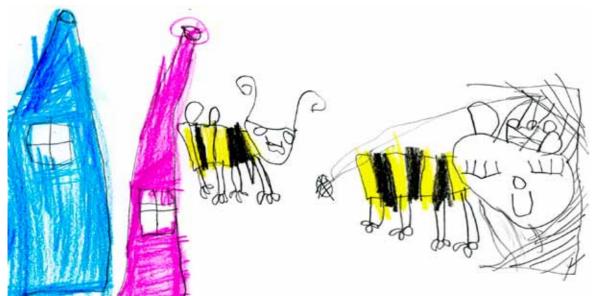
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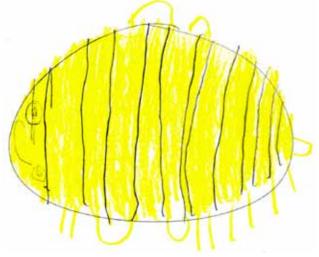
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Lexi Gets Rising Star Award



The third Rising Star award at the 2022 Cumbria Sports Awards went to Lexi Dixon from Wigton, who is the first ever female competitive boxer in Wigton.

This young sportsperson was the first ever female junior national champion in Cumbria in her chosen sport of boxing. She represented England in the three nations championships taking gold in her weight class and was subsequently crowned champion of Great Britain.

Her dedication to training and ability to engage with and inspire other young people in her club in Wigton make her a fantastic role model for women in sport.

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Undefeated in all of her seven contests and described as a 'force to be reckoned with' - she is a very worthy winner.

Richard Johnston, Chair of Cumbria Sports Awards Judging Panel said:

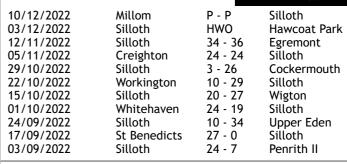
"Each year the judging panel are overwhelmed by the number and quality of nominations for the Cumbria Sports Awards which celebrate the enormous effort and talents of the sporting stars

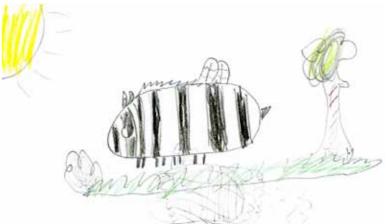
in the county. It's never an easy task deciding on the winners - we have an incredible range of great sporting talent in the county. We would like to congratulate all of our winners and to acknowledge the quality of our major sports performers and our emerging talent, as well as thanking the army of volunteers and coaches in Cumbria who make sport happen on a daily basis".

Well done Lexi!

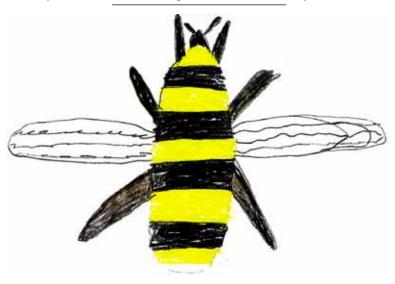
Rugby Results

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Zebra Bee by Nova-Rose Maxine Rodgers from Silloth Primary Schoolk



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