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Happy New Year

To all our readers and advertisers

The Buzz has a new look for the New Year

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Silloth Beer Festival AGM

Silloth Beer Festival AGM was held in The Golf Hotel on Tuesday 11th November.

Chairman Frank Smith reported a record year with audience figures up on previous years. The Treasurer Elaine Wannop also presented a good set of figures on her balance sheet. A new committee was formed for the 2004 festival, they are
Chairman - Frank Smith
Treasurer - Elaine

Wannop, assistant Julie Allison
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Pensioners Tea Party - Margaret Snaith
The committee would like to thank all those who sponsored this years festival, without your help this event would not have taken place. Anyone wishing to help with the 2004 festival please contact any of the committee members or come along to the next meeting Wednesday 28th January 2004 in The Golf Hotel at 7pm.

The Largest Bulk Liquid Cargo ever received at Silloth Docks



The British Shield only just fitted along the Dock wall

Report by: Chris Puxley, Harbour Master & Port Superintendent, Port of Silloth

On a fine Saturday morning, on the 22nd November 2003, the Port of Silloth welcomed the 2,323 GT tanker "British Shield", carrying 3,214 tonnes of molasses. These were destined for the recently built Prime Molasses storage and distribution facility, located on the port estate adjacent to New Dock. The cargo came from the ABP port of Barry.

This is the largest bulk liquid cargo yet received at Silloth Docks and the third largest cargo of any commodity ever handled at the port.

The current overall record still stand just higher at 3,311 tonnes, (M.V. "Heljo" 2nd Feb. 2003).

With an overall length of 98 metres and a beam of 13.7 metres, the "British Shield" exceeded the normal maximum dimensions of 90m x 13.5m. Her draft of nearly 6.0m meant that her arrival during a spring tide cycle was critical.

Fortunately the weather was fair throughout her visit. Had it not been, arrival may have had to be delayed as her large accommodation block would have caused severe windage problems during entry and berthing at the exposed port location.

The sight of such a large vessel at the docks created much public interest. Driving

into the town, her funnel could be seen towering above the familiar local structures.

Discharge of her two-product cargo was completed in 32 hours and the vessel sailed in fair weather on Monday 24th November to Rotterdam.

"It was interesting to see such a large vessel in the port. This was achieved with good planning, considerable piloting skills and a great deal of luck with the weather. The fact that she was flying the Red Ensign was a rare and pleasant sight to behold, amongst the more usual assortment of multi-coloured national ensigns seen these days".

Xmas House Lights Competition



The Parker house in Holiday Crescent, West Silloth

The houses were judged by a team of ladies from the Silloth-on-Solway Charity Shop this year. They earned this honour by generously donating towards the cost of the street lights.

The winner is Mr & Mrs Parker of Holiday Crescent whose house

and garden should be on every tourist bus itinerary this December, well done. The second prize went to Mr & Mrs Irwin from 60 Skinburness Road and finally there were three runners up: the Wood's at 8 Fell View, the Frith's at Stone Lodge, Blitterlees, and

the Bain's at the Lido Village.

The prizes were donated by Silloth & District Business Association with a first prize of £50, second prize of £20 and the runners up each receiving £10.

The whole town is looking much brighter

and jollier this year so to everyone who has done their bit to brighten up this darkest of months, a very big well done. More pictures are on page 6.

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