

## Aldi Open Golf Competition



Kenny tees off on a short par 3 ninth hole which birdied

Story by: Jimmy Lettice

This years 'Aldi Open' held at Silloth Golf Course was won by local lad Kenny Jefferson with a great score of 82 less 13, total score 69. Runner up was Bill Lewis with 70.

It caps a great year for Kenny, he has also won the Links Close

Open, and was runner up in the prestigious Former Skinburness Residents Trophy.

Well done Kenny. He puts his success down to the extra hours he has spent practising his putting stroke, this hard work has been well rewarded.

## Car Parking

Members of the Silloth & District Business Association were very concerned to hear a rumour that Silloth, in common with many other towns in Allerdale, was going to have charges levied on its Car Parks.

This would have been bad for the residents, and terrible for the tourist trade in Silloth. The secretary of the Association sent a letter to Mr Tony Smith, the Car Park Manager for Allerdale, outlining these concerns and asking for clarification.

Peter Cusack, Chairman of the Silloth & District Business Association has now received a telephone call from Allerdale assuring him that there are no plans for Parking charges in Silloth.

All members of the Association and residents of Silloth will be very glad to hear this.

## Talking Newspaper

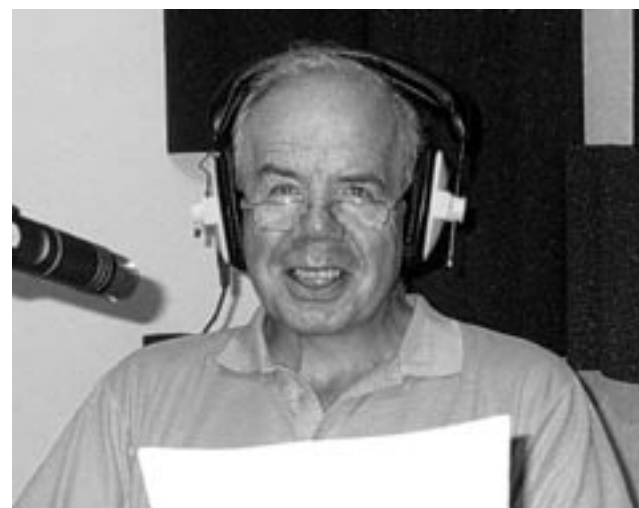
Report by: Geoff Betsworth

### The Rotary Club of Silloth-on-Solway Talking Newsletter

A talking newsletter for the visually impaired was originally the idea of Silloth actor and Rotary Club member Tim Barker. Tim, who many of you will have spotted most recently in "Calendar Girls", mentioned the idea to fellow Rotarian Joe Campbell.

By the next meeting of The Rotary Club of Silloth-on-Solway Joe, who is the manager at the Seacote Caravan Park announced that he had held a raffle on his site to help raise funds to cover the cost of cassette machines that could be loaned to those who required one.

It was then decided that the Rotary Club would raise additional funds to buy a high-speed duplicating



machine on which cassette tapes could be copied. It was also arranged that members of the Club living closest to those requesting one, would deliver a finished copy of the newsletter.

Tim soon realised the problem of recording on a domestic machine on the kitchen table and approached Silloth recording studio owner Geoff Betsworth on behalf of the Rotary Club regarding the

possibility of creating a better quality master tape.

When Tim & Geoff first set out on this project back in 1998 it usually took four or five hours to get the required news items recorded

and edited to a master tape. With practice and experience this time has been reduced to around three hours. However, that is not the end of the process as Tim then takes the master tape and produces the required number of cassette copies on the duplicating machine.

Most of us take for granted our ability to pick up and read a copy of the Solway Buzz and Cumberland News when they drop through the letterbox, but for those who have little or no eyesight the monthly Talking Newsletter is an audio lifeline to what is happening in Silloth and the surrounding area.

If you know someone who might like to receive a copy of the Talking Newsletter, or if you have any news items or events for inclusion in future editions, you can contact Tim Barker on 016973 31246.

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