

Letters

Dear Buzz,

Enclosed are three past editions of the Community News you may find of interest. I was very much involved from the start and I was the main one to distribute the deliveries around Silloth and West brought to me from the school (800 in all). I was very pleased when you got it going again, much enjoyed.

First of all, I would like to state in your last issue, it headed my trip to Preston as 'Pensioners Trip'. I have organised trips for over thirty years AND ON MY OWN, nothing to do with others. After all I've had children, who are parents now, for Morecambe, York, Blackpool, Holker Hall, (also Barrow and Ulverston for Carnivals), Gretna, Penrith and Dumfries markets. My trip to Preston was fully booked in eight days, long before the Solway Buzz was out. I have given pleasure over the years and was annoyed for the advert heading, as my trips are for all people, not as pensioners and clubs are, among their own members first.

Would you be kind enough to state it was not a Pensioners Trip?

Thank you and hopefully you keep going with the Buzz, a lot of time and effort goes into it.

Olga Wood

Editors Comment

Obviously I regret any upset that was caused by my mis-representing this trip. All info that comes into the Buzz has to be interpreted by myself based on the information received and where this is incorrectly or ambiguously given errors are bound to occur. Can I make a plea at this point for much more information to be passed to the Buzz, with the assumption that I know absolutely nothing about the subject concerned. Unfortunately all too often this is in fact the case, and in order to put the information over in plain English, assumptions have to be made, which may not always be totally accurate. My apologies therefore to not just Mrs Wood, but also to all the other good citizens who try to keep the Buzz up to date.

The Editor



Goalie Bee by Ashley Little aged 8 from

Holm Cultram Abbey School

Dear Buzz,

I would like to thank all the night shift workers at Cavaghan & Gray, Carlisle (Eastern Way Three), Carrs Mill Silloth, all the locals at The Cumberland Inn Silloth and anyone who sponsored myself. Myself and Tom Stalker ran the Great North Run on 21st September, I also ran the Cumbrian Run on 12th October to raise funds for the Robert Errington Trust Fund. Robert is an 8 year old boy who has severe cerebral palsy, we raised £1,582 to go towards his treatment.

David J Bell



Dear Buzz,

We wish to thank everyone who sent us the lovely cards, flowers and gifts and also for the numerous phone calls we received after our recent traumatic experience and invasion of our privacy. Also grateful thanks to the doctors and staff at the Cumberland Infirmary, and doctors and staff at the Silloth Medical Practice. We must also thank the Police for all their help.

Eric & Joyce Carr

Dear Buzz,

Would you believe it? 26 years ago I lost my wedding ring and assumed that our 3 years old daughter had lifted it off the window sill and taken it in the garden. Couldn't be found anywhere and eventually we brought in loads of top soil, built a wall and levelled off the garden. Road and Rosemary Brooks who now own the house decided to knock down part of the wall and guess what was there? Incredible to have dug only one small area and there it was - good as new!!! Thank you both - much appreciated.

Isabel White



Dear Buzz,

I completed a sponsored dive with sand tiger sharks, lemon sharks, nurse sharks and stingrays in aid of muscular dystrophy on 6th November at the Blue Planet Aquarium in Cheshire. I loved every minute and would do it again given the chance. I would like to say thank-you to everyone who sponsored me, helping me to raise £300 for the charity.

Melanie James

Poems

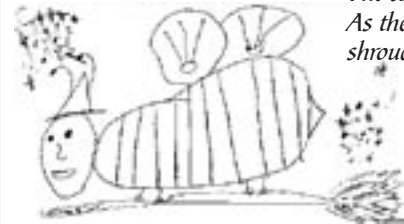
Poem by Peter Wheatley

On the Estuary

On a sandbar in the river
Lay a wrecked and rotting hull.
On it's dank and weedy
timbers
Sat a little black-backed gull.

Close beneath on shifting
tideways,
Dancing up and down and
sideways
Shone a weary mirror image -
Pleading that the stricken craft,
(On a sandbar in the river),
Clasp its cool and watery hand
And cradle deep in silt and
sand.

But tell me not, the boat was
soulless,
For the little black-backed gull,
Life and fortune still before it,
Flew away across the mull.



Above:
Bee Witch Bee
by Izabella Kerr
from Silloth Primary School
Year 3

Poem by Peter Wheatley

Snowfall

It's snowing, and the flakes are
falling
Like cherry blossom from a
thousand orchids.
The air, crystal and breath-
clouded
Sharpens with it's stillness
The crisp crunch of footsteps
On the grey-shadowed mantle.
Across the palings, beyond the
glassed pool
The crows perch, spectre-like
and black
Against the misty downward-
moving backdrop.
A handclap rings into the still
space
And the birds rise up flustered
and fluttering.
But the white petals fall and
fall -
Each one to its own haven
On wall, leaf, branch, shoulder
and hatbrim.
The countryside sleeps again
As the gentle particled blanket
shrouds it's realms.

Ben the Smiley Bee
by Peyton Minnican
aged 4 from
Silloth Primary School



Silloth Community Development Centre

A moment of reflection

Students celebrating after receiving Certificates in ICA diploma, and ECDL, at Silloth CDC.

Yvonne Johnstone, also a former student of the CDC, now Manager & Tutor enjoys the success of the students pictured above the great many more who have succeeded.

Yvonne now Manager of the CDC, has developed computer training to a very high standard, within the community. The CDC is now involved in business link, which can offer advice to small businesses through Business Link and N.W.D.A. We also offer LearnDirect courses, which can be anything from IT to Car Maintenance.

The centre is supported by qualified staff, Our Tutors are, Sadie Haley, Tommy Akit, Diane Graham, Yvonne Johnstone, and Andrea Davis. Administration Andrea Stanwix.

We are an independent business, and depend on local and Government funding.

We would like to thank the SOSCS, for there generous support over the past three years.

The CDC is open to all the community, and has an open morning every Thursday, from 9am to 12noon. So please feel free to come and have a look around and see what is happening. For further information, contact Yvonne Johnstone, our telephone and fax number is 016973 33011 email: vonnie@johnstone2468.fsnet.co.uk



LEFT TO RIGHT
ANDREA STANWIX (DIPLOMA), JUDITH DAVISON (DIPLOMA),
CAROL CARR (DIPLOMA), SADIE HALEY (TUTOR),
YVONNE JOHNSTONE (MANAGER), RUTH WANNOP (DIPLOMA)
DAVID LEES (DIPLOMA)



LEFT TO RIGHT,
MARGARET CARR (ECDL), YVONNE JOHNSTONE (MANAGER),
TOMMY AKIT (TUTOR), PAULINE HENDERSON (ECDL),
VALERIE IRWIN (ECDL), MAUREEN MCNAMARA (ECDL),
STEPHEN TWEDDLE (ECDL)

Yvonne Johnstone and all the staff of Silloth CDC, would like to wish a happy and prosperous New Year and to thank Mr Jonathon Dennison, Governors and all the members of staff from Silloth Primary School for their support and help over the past year. We also would like to wish a happy and prosperous New Year to all past and current students because without you we would not be able to succeed.

Business Awareness Day

Are you starting up in Business or have a newly established Business?

We are having a Business Awareness Day to provide you with advise from local Banks, North West Development Agency Advisers and Business Link. Jerry Bennett from Employment Alternatives will be able to advise you on Business Planning. We will have advisers from LearnDirect, Childcare Association and the Women's Rural Network and more. Local Businesses will also have the opportunity to come and

display your own business. We will hopefully be holding this event in the hall at the Silloth Primary School on THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2004. This event will be from 10am until 7pm which will give prospective and ongoing Businesses a full day to collate all necessary advise and information. POSTERS WILL BE DISPLAYED AROUND THE AREA NEARER THE TIME. PLEASE COME ALONG, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED. ALL WELCOME