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Letters

Dear Buzz,

An Appeal

I would appreciate more support from Organisers of Events held in the Town. Why such apathy? As correspondent for the Cumberland News, I get asked "does nothing happen in Silloth other than Whist and Domino Drives". I'm here to do a service for the community every week, for the newspaper. (Sunday is the deadline for me to receive your letters.)

Olga M Wood 1 Petteril Terrace Silloth CA7 4DN 016973 31013

Dear Buzz

President Mavis Nuttall and the members of the Inner Wheel Club of Silloth on Solway, would like to thank everyone who supported our most successful Art Exhibition and Cheese and Wine Evening on 14th - 16th May. We raised a total of £275 which was presented to Paul Hendy of the Eden Valley Hospice, by our President Mavis Nuttall. Everyone enjoyed the event and praised the high standard of all the exhibits which were local artists. Our particular thanks to Heather and Olive Wood for their kindness and help organizing this event, which is greatly appreciated. Also to Christine and Fausto Previtali our thanks for providing their spacious ballroom and very helpful

Ann Bisset (Secretary)

staff.



Buzz Light Year Bee by Bradle Johnstone aged 10 from Silloth Primary School

Mr Bumble by Jack Winter aged 4 from Silloth Nursery



Dear Buzz

The committee of

the Silloth & District

Fundraising Branch wish to thank everyone who generously supported our fundraising efforts at the Annual Silloth Trawler Race. The total raised by the branch on the day was £541.91. Two raffle prizes remain unclaimed: Orange 284 Cooper and yellow 186 C Bradley. Please phone 016973 31866 to arrange collection. The committee also wish to thank the following local business for so generously donating prizes for the raffle. Berry's Bakers Bowman's Chemist Kandy Shop Discount Shop Golf Hotel **JayBees** John's Plaice Fish n Chips Oak Leaf Hardware Occasions Florist Peter Josef Hairdresser Spar Supermarket and Winters Newsagent. Thanks also to those shops

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Dear Buzz,

who you are!

I would like to get a group of people together in West Silloth to that we could book the Community Bus. We could then arrange trips to local events like Silloth Market, or go further away to Gretna Market, or to anything else the group felt was interesting. When we do not have our own car, this would let us go to other places with convenience. Please, would anyone in West Silloth who is interested in discussing this give me a 'phone call so we

can get things under way.

and individuals who did not

wish to be named you know

Joyce Davies 016973 32569

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Solway Community School

New Website

I am pleased to announce that our new Website is up and running. It is still under construction, so please be a little patient with us, but you will find lots of useful information about the school and examples of students work. The address is: www.solway.cumbria .sch.uk

Gifted and Talented

As part of the National School Sports Coordinators initiative that we are involved in, we have identified a group of Gifted & Talented students in Physical Education in Years 8 and 9. These students will be tested in a range of Athletics Activities against a set of National Criteria. The results will be forwarded for further analysis to Manchester and from these α number of students will be re-tested to identify their potential as future athletes.

Mexico Exchange I am delighted to let you know that the Mexico Exchange was a great success. All the students who took part had an unforgettable experience and are looking forward to the return visit in the summer. I was particularly delighted that all the students quickly made very good friendships with their Link Partners and thoroughly enjoyed staying with them. I am not sure all of them enjoyed the food though!

Two things struck me the most though, firstly that Mexico is a very beautiful country with people who are proud of their history and of their reputation for hospitality. Secondly, that their education system is very different from ours. The school was divided into two halves with a morning shift beginning at 7am

and working until 2pm and an afternoon shift starting at 2pm and finishing at 9pm! Many of the students in the morning shift then go to more schools in the afternoon. Their schools are very poorly equipped compared to ours.

Technology Days for Year 5

As part of our status as Technology College, we are planning to run Technology Days for Year 5 students from our Primary Feeder Schools. The first of these two days were in June and students have been invited to visit the school to take part in Science and **Technology Activities** aimed at boosting their interest and enthusiasm for these important subject areas. Our aim is that the days will be 'hands on' and that the curriculum covered will support the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum, Mr Kaye and Mr Agnew will be working to prepare the days and Mrs Evans will be linking with the Primary Schools.

Work of the Month - March/April 2004

Once again I am delighted that we are able to celebrate some outstanding pieces of work from our students. Layla Beresford for Science Fern Bell for English Nicky Harrison for Maths Josh Wilson for Languages Toni McCormick for Geography Victoria Robinson for Dance Rebecca Brown for History Megan Hilton for Art Adam Harper for Resistant Materials Judith Dixon for Food Technology Zoe Mathews & Jodie Holyoak for RE Well done to all.

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The Gincase – A New Attraction to Visit

Opening soon is a new attraction featuring a Tearoom, Craft Barn, Gallery and Farm Park.

It is The Gincase and is situated on a working dairy farm just off the B5300 Maryport to Silloth road.

The tearoom is located in the Gincase building. On display in the tearoom will be many items of interest.

All of the food will be home-made, using local produce and traditional recipes. You will be able to try Cumberland Courting Cake but don't accept a piece from a likely suitor or you will have accepted a

proposal of marriage!

In the adjoining
Craft Barn and Gallery
there will be an array of
beautiful Art & Craftwork
made in Cumbria,
including ceramics,
glass, willow, textiles,
woodturning, paintings,
embroidery, pottery,
felt, quilting and many,
more.

Demonstrations will take place in the Barn on occasions allowing visitors to see at first hand how some of the work is created.

At the end of the Barn in a separate room is the Workshop, where a varied programme of day and evening courses will be held.
These may include
morning coffee, lunch
and afternoon tea and
will be based on a
wide variety of topics.
Children's workshops
will be available during
school holidays.

Outside there will be paddocks full of Rare Breed and unusual animals, including, cattle, horses, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. There is also an enclosure where the children will be able to hold and pet, rabbits and guinea pigs and a playground and play equipment for their

enjoyment.

The Gincase will be open every day until the end of October, from 10: 30am to 4:30pm. Entry is free but there is a small charge for entry to the Farm Park and play areas. There is adequate parking, baby changing facilities and is suitable for disabled visitors.

For information call Val or John on 016973 31443. The Gincase intends to be open in early July. To get there, turn for Newtown between Mawbray and Beckfoot, go through the village, turn left and it is 300m on the left.