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Silloth Rotary



Immediate Past President Chris Puxley
with President Fausto Previtali

The 1st of July is a significant date in the Rotary calendar. Apart from reminding us all, Rotarian or not, that we are half way through 2004 already, it happens to be the "Change-over" date for Rotary Club officials around the world.

At Silloth Rotary Club, Chris Puxley, who has held the office of President for the past twelve months, handed over the responsibility and regalia to Fausto Previtali. Chris has had a good year as the Club's leader, during which he and the other seventeen members raised a considerable sum of money for charitable and other deserving causes, locally, nationally and internationally.

Over and above the regular fund-raising and service events that the Club carries out each year, this next twelve months will be an important period for President Fausto and the Silloth Rotary Club, along with all the other Rotary Clubs worldwide. In February 2005, the Rotary Organisation will be celebrating its 100th birthday of "Service above Self", having being founded in Chicago in 1905 by Mr Paul Harris and a couple of his business friends.

Many local people and visitors to Silloth will have noticed that a young oak tree has recently appeared on Silloth Green. The trunk of this tree, officially planted on 1st March

by Councillor and then Mayor, Margaret Snaith, will soon be surrounded by a circular paved area in the shape of the Rotary badge, (a cogged wheel). It has been planted by Silloth Rotary Club to commemorate the forthcoming Rotary Organisation anniversary next February. By the time that Rotary celebrates its 200th birthday, it is sincerely hoped that our young oak sapling will have flourished into a magnificent tree.

As an excellent example of Rotary's motto of "Service above Self" and the fact that our Clubs fund and support humanitarian projects all over the world, Silloth Rotarian Charlie Harrison, with the blessing and support of his fellow Club members, will be travelling in August to Jinja, in Uganda, to join a sixteen strong group of like-minded people, to repair and reinstate a school, devastated by civil war. Although paying for his own travel to and from Uganda and offering his time and skills for free, Charlie is still looking for additional sponsorship to help fund the actual building and reconstruction project. If anyone reading this would like to support this project, please contact Charlie at the "Oakleaf" hardware store in Silloth, or contact the Silloth Rotary Club secretary on Silloth (016973) 31719.

Letters

Dear Buzz,

On behalf of my father, I am trying to contact an unknown gentleman, possibly living here in Silloth, but who was born near Stairfoot in Barnsley, South Yorkshire. The two of them met - very briefly - during the early part of this year close to the Golf Hotel. My father, who stopped and asked this man for directions, is now one of Silloth's newest residents and living with us in Skinburness. However, he was born in Stairfoot and the odds of him making contact with someone from that part of the world, here in Silloth, must be quite high! Both my parents have come to live here as a result of illness and do not know anyone at all. Consequently, my father, in particular, would love to meet this 'Yorkshire Exile' again - if only to swap memories and talk about 'life in the old days'! If this gentleman is reading this, will he please get in touch with us on 016973 33116; or if anyone knows where this Yorkshire Tyke might be living, we would love to hear from them!

Mrs D Holding

Dear Buzz,

Just a letter from a devoted reader. The Buzz is being read down here in Southland, New Zealand. It's great to see it grow and improve - keep up the good work. I'd love to get the news from anyone who cares to email me at: williamhope@xtra.co.nz.

Will Hope

Dear Buzz,

I am one of the Cardiac Rehab Nurses at West Cumberland Hospital. The equipment Maurice Stephenson's outstanding fund raising under the title of WACCES has provided is being used primarily by people following Heart Attack and Heart Surgery. It is also being used by people following stroke and those who have other conditions which require treatment from the physiotherapists. Please, if you can, express our sincere thanks to Maurice and his family who have worked so hard to provide this equipment for us, I am sure it will benefit many, many people in the years to come.

Mandy Waite

Silloth Festival of Art



The Wood sisters setting out paintings in a shop window

The Festival of Art in shop and business windows throughout Silloth has proven yet again to be very popular with both the Artists and visitors to the town. Thanks must go to both the Wood sisters for all their hard work organising the Festival and setting out the windows. The photo shows them setting out a display in the window of Oakleaf Hardware.

From the 28th to the 31st August the sisters will be hosting another Art Show, this time in their own home at 152 Skinburness Road. All funds raised from the sale of paintings and the £1 entrance fee will be donated to the Silloth Carnival Committee to help with the costs of running the Carnival.

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