

## Elliot Morley MP in Silloth



The Port of Silloth recently welcomed Elliot Morley, MP, Minister of State for the Environment and Agri-Environment, and Tony Cunningham, MP and PPS. to Elliot Morley. The visitors were given a tour of the Port of Silloth by the port's Harbour Master & Port Superintendent, Captain Chris Puxley.

Tony Cunningham said of the visit: "It was an extremely useful visit. The Minister, in particular, was keen to see the work of the port first-hand. The more freight that is carried by sea the better, and I will do whatever I can through my work in Parliament to promote the use of our ports."

Chris Puxley commented: "This was an excellent opportunity to show Elliot Morley and Tony Cunningham what we do at the port. ABP Silloth is an important North-Cumbrian facility for coastal and short-sea shipping. Two of our most important customers have received Freight Facility Grants from the Government for developing facilities at Silloth which enable goods to be shipped through the port, rather than delivered by road."

## Gentleman of the Road



This colourful Gentleman of the Road with his pony and donkey travelled all the way from Cornwall taking fourteen weeks to arrive in Silloth. He was about to entertain us when he BROKE his Bagpipes accidentally and was unable to collect a few pennies to supply some carrots for his Donkey. A small sympathy collection was given to him

## Flower Festival



Christ Church held a very successful Flower Festival over the weekend of 16th to 18th July and many townspeople as well as visitors enjoyed the exhibition.

The Church was decorated using expert displays from flower clubs around the area and from as far afield as Carlisle and Keswick. The theme was 'Christ the Light of the World', and so much of the Church was dominated by white arrangements and the overall impact was overwhelming, from the large arrangements in the chancel, to the profuse yellows and whites of the display over the front and along the back windows. One particular favourite of the vicar was 'From Darkness into Light' in the Church porch.

Light refreshments were served throughout in the Church Hall. The weekend was rounded off with a very

enjoyable 'Songs of Praise' service on the Sunday evening, with music provided by Dearham Band.

We do of course have to record our extreme sadness at the sudden death of Joan Bosward. She was involved throughout the weekend, both in the Church as a Steward, and in the Church Hall as a Caterer. Her passing is a severe blow to all who knew her in the Church and in the community.



Rebekah Byrom entertaining the visitors to the Flower Festival



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