

Police Report

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Policing activity in the area has revolved a lot around events. The Solfest Festival at Tarns, passed off with only one call to the police by the organizers; after people attempted to enter the site without paying. No crimes were reported throughout the weekend. This is quite an achievement considering that there were 5,000 people each day. Officers carried out high visibility patrols of the site

Silloth Carnival went



well and the weather was excellent. Officers concentrated their efforts on preventing under-age drinking. A quantity of beer, alco-pops, and other drinks were seized and poured away. One person searched was also found to be in possession of a quantity of cannabis. In line with current government policy, the drugs were seized and will be destroyed; whilst the person was given a formal warning.

Silloth's Community Officer: PC Andy Robertson, has been active in forming the Silloth "Pub Watch" scheme. This is part of a national drive called "Nightsafe". The aim is to reduce disorder and crime in and around licensed premises. The Pub Watch scheme has formed a group consisting of 16 licensed premises (pubs, social clubs, hotels, caravan parks, and shops selling alcohol). The group can deal with people committing offences or behaving badly in their premises. They achieve this by

Sister Visits Canadian Airman's Grave



L-R: Mary & Lawrence Marshall, Winifred Allan, Winston & Laurene Shapton, Bill Allan

Canadians Laurene Shapton and her husband Winston visited the grave of her brother Sgt. Navigator Franklin Charles Zurbrigg for the first time.

He died on 13th January 1943 aged 25. Sgt Zurbrigg was one of a crew of four who perished when their Lockheed Hudson crashed on take-off from Silloth on a training flight and burst into flames.

The crash was witnessed by Lawrence Marshall, who was 7 years old and remembers it clearly. After informing Bill Allan of Silloth of this experience Bill was able to locate the

family in Canada. They are farmers from Lucan, Ontario.

The outcome of the correspondence was a visit to Silloth to meet Lawrence and Mary at Bill & Winifreds house by Laurene and Winston on Sunday 21st August, following lunch the party left to visit Causewayhead cemetery where 17 Canadian airmen are buried. This was an emotional occasion. Laurene laid a wreath and sprinkled soil from Canada on her brothers grave. They were very surprised to learn of the number of lives lost in Silloth and district during World War II. They thanked everyone

and said it was a day they would never forget.

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calling a meeting of the members. The incident is discussed and the group decide what action they wish to take. They can issue a warning letter, or impose a ban on the person entering all of the licensed premises for a period that they think fit. (This is in addition to action that the police would take).

The first warning letter was recently issued in Silloth; after an incident outside one of the groups' pubs. The scheme allows people banned in one town to also be banned in other towns in Cumbria.



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