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## Susan Retires Remembrance Day



Susan who lives at Abbeytown, has retired after working behind the counter at Bowmans the chemist in Silloth for 30 years. So, be warned, if you are calling in for your prescription, you might have to remember your own name for a change. The Buzz wishes Susan all the best for her future retirement.



## Allerdale First



### Council launches first official council weblog in UK.

Allerdale Borough Council is leading the way by becoming the first Council in the UK to have an official council weblog.

The weblog ([www.allerdale.gov.uk/blogger](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/blogger)) offers local residents another channel through which they can get information, give their own views and receive direct responses to any questions. And the blog is at the forefront of design, too. The Council's new weblog system has been designed to meet the highest standards of accessibility for disabled users (Website Accessibility Initiative AAA), something which most other weblog

systems have yet to achieve.

Steve Brailey, Allerdale Borough Council's E-Government Project Manager, said: "We started the weblog using a popular blogging system on the Internet, but found that it didn't meet our standards for accessibility. We looked for a system which would provide what we wanted, but couldn't find one which met all our requirements. So, we developed our own."

The blog is effectively an online diary where the Council posts informal information and comments and visitors to the blog can respond with their own comments. The blog provides an opportunity for residents to become

informally engaged in democracy and Council issues without a great deal of cost or effort. The Council hopes that the use of internet technology will engage members of the public, such as young people, who are not generally interested in local government.

Councillor Phil Tibble, Executive Member with responsibility for E-government, said: "As a Council we need to be aware of the views of our residents on all issues. The weblog is perhaps the modern equivalent of the soapbox and, hopefully, will engage with residents who use technology routinely - especially, I think, young people."

### Remembrance Day Service at Silloth.

The service of all denominations was taken by the Rev. Byrom in Christ Church, attended by the crew of HMS Biter of the Manchester and Salford Universities R.N.U., who have twinned with Silloth after their visit earlier in the year. They were much appreciated on Parade at the War Memorial where wreaths were laid by Mr. K. Blake (R.B.L.) Mrs I. Gilmore (women's section R.B.L.), Lt. Des

Hirons (R.N.), Mr. T. Dennett (R.A.F.A.), Mayor G. Wilkinson (Town Council), Mr. L. Marshall (Church Council), Mr D. Wood (Masonic Lodge), Mr. E. Studholme (RNLI), Mrs. M. Durham (Over Sixties), Hannah Smith (Brownies), Mr. J. Aird (Rotary), Mr P. Long (Fire Service) and Mr. R. Pickering (R.O.C.).

Standards were carried by Mr. D. Nicoll (Royal British Legion), Mrs Ann Graham (Women's Section Royal

British Legion), Mrs. S. Nicoll (Royal Air Force Association) and Colleen Blacey (Brownie Standard).

After the Service at Christ Church, British Legion and the Crew of HMS Biter proceeded to Causewayhead Cemetery to place Crosses on all the war graves.

Mrs. Nicoll (i/c Poppy Appeal) on behalf of R.B.L. would like to thank all who took part, especially those who sold poppies.

## 2006 Events

The area will be holding many events again during 2006. These include the ever popular:  
16-18 June  
Silloth Vintage Rally, Craft, Music & Funfair

29 July  
Abbeytown Carnival  
28 August  
Silloth Carnival  
7-10 September  
Silloth Music & Beer Festival, featuring 'The

Animals' and 'The Drifters'.

In addition there will be many Craft Fairs, Autograss Racing, Trawler Race and hopefully Tall Ships!