

Letters

Dear Buzz

Memories of Silloth by Mrs Marie Devine (nee Tod) I read with a great deal of pleasure Mary Scott Parker's book on Silloth and its attractions. Having been born and lived in this friendly community, it evoked many memories. Who could forget the machine outside Danny Wood's shop, where for a penny the fiddlers played and the monkeys danced; Mr Fiddy with his eye patch, patiently waiting while we spent 1/2d or 1d on sweets in his corner shop; "blind" Tommy who stood by the playing field wall, greeting each bus and driver like long lost friends; or Mrs Briscoe who worked tirelessly so that Carnival Day was one of the highlights of the year. School days circa 1930 with Joe Coulthard, a big man and a good headmaster; Harry Liverick and Co; the Misses Smith, Storey, Clulow and Armstrong. My grandfather, William Tod, almost a century ago was a founder of the bowling club, reputedly one of the finest bowlers to grace the green. Bebe Stevenson, with his old horse and milk cart; Pop Carr, who took us on some trips. These were all wonderful people. Some might say it was mis-spent youth. Probably we did not appreciate the environment in which we lived, but I'm sure those of us who are left and are scattered in different places, would not change one day of it. The saying goes: Where e're you roam Home is home Your feet may leave But your head, never!

Sadly Marie died last year, this was sent to us by Marie's brother Billy Lennon. Many thanks from the Editor and all our readers.

Dear Buzz,

Can anyone help? I am looking for a knitting pattern for a Spiderman Sweater for a child. Please contact Eileen Slack at Occasions Florists, 9 Station Road, Silloth, tel: 016973 31449.

Eileen Slack

Dear Buzz,

Miss Tanya Snaith is running in the 'Race for Life' in aid of Cancer Research UK. The race is being run in events all over the UK with the local section being held in Carlisle on Sunday 2nd July. Tanya is looking for sponsors, please support her in this very worthwhile cause. Sponsor forms are available in Passion4Fashion, Eden Street, Silloth.

Margaret Snaith

Save Wigton Hospital

Report by: Eveline Dugdale

On April Fools morning a band of loyal campaigners gathered at our hospital gates to start a relay which went to all nine threatened hospitals.

At 8am a Vintage Tractor and Trailer left Wigton carrying the 1st Ring to Brampton where the next ring was added on up to Alston in a 1974 VW Beetle, the next ring was added and taken to Penrith by almost a hundred Harley Davidson motorcycles. Here another ring was added and taken to Keswick by George Bowman in a beautiful Carriage pulled by four horses. David Maclean rode in the carriage and was greeted in Keswick by Tony Cunningham MP who added the next ring.

On Sunday morning at 8:30am two canoeists left Keswick via Derwentwater to Cockermouth where



the next ring was added by Tony Cunningham who then ran with a group of runners to Maryport.

The next ring was added here and then a group of cyclists took the rings to Workington where a ring was added then off on the final leg with six classic cars to Millom where we were

greeted by Jamie Reed MP. It was a fantastic weekend.



Princess Bratz Bee by Grace Wedgewood aged 5 from Holme St. Cuthbert School

Mayors Report for April

By Graham Wilkinson

The Chairman reported that he had met the crew of HMS Biter on their recent visit to the town along with other councillors, the Harbour Master and his wife, friends and friends of the crew.

The police report was given by PC Andy Robertson. This included several burglaries within the town and caravan sites, several broken windows, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

Items of correspondence include the following: Allerdale Borough Council support for summer activities for young people - An invitation to a charity auction dinner at the Skinburness Hotel in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance, the Chairman unfortunately will not be able to attend however it was hoped another councillor will attend - Cumbria Constabulary reference the sale of the old Police Station - Allerdale B.C. reference consultation for the Draft Statement of Community Involvement Report, this included the Primary School on their attendance at a joint choir event at Distington, where several

schools from across West Cumbria met to give a brilliant performance - Joint Advisory Committee on the move by Allerdale Borough Council to take over the Heritage Centre from S.R.I. and that bookings by schools to attend events was out stripping the time available at the centre.

Regeneration Partnership gave notice that matters were making progress on the work to bid for Lottery funding for the upgrading of facilities on the Green, however this was going to be a long term task as there is a mountain of paperwork to contend with.

Silloth Health Matters are applying for funding to cover the cost of the pensioners tea at the Silloth Music & Beer

Festival.

Ken Wannop reported on the damage caused to the flower bed opposite the Balmoral and suggested that the bed be moved, following discussions it was agreed to move it to an area opposite the Queens Hotel.

Estimates were considered for the replacement of fencing around the tennis courts at North House.

Tenders are to be sought for the replacement of guttering and painting of the changing rooms in the playing field in Eden Street. The Council held a discussion into the consideration as to the appointment of an apprentice groundsman with a view to them attending Newton Rigg on day release.

Silloth on Solway Community Shop

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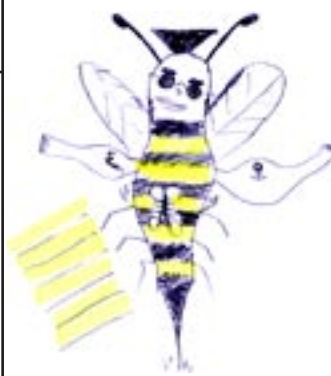
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