

Letters

Dear Buzz,

May I give some help regarding the query of the 'cobbled' streets of Silloth. The older streets of the town are not 'cobbled' but were laid with setts which are granite blocks, my father used to tell me that this was ballast taken from many ships that used to sail between Ireland and Silloth.

'The Souvenir Album of Silloth' published by J. Wood & Co. Silloth shows that Solway St. and the streets on the north side leading into it were laid with setts. I believe the newer streets on the south side, which were created later would have been Tarmac or shillies.

For the last 70 years at least the only original streets are Criffel, Eden and Station Road. When I was a boy, the corners on the junctions of Solway Street had a broad band of setts, which ran across Wampool Street and Caldew Street. The setts on Eden Street came around into Solway Street for about 4 yards to prevent vehicles from skidding around the corners. This did not work very well because at a later date these corners were roughed up with a huge grinder type of machine, which still did not stop vehicles from skidding so they were eventually covered over with Tarmac like the rest. It will be interesting to here any more views about this issue. As many people will know, there have been moves in the past to have the remaining granite covered streets laid over with Tarmac but this would completely ruin the character of the areas.

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Dear Buzz,

We would like to say a very big thank you to all our families, friends and fellow Sillothians. We have been overwhelmed by the support and interest people have shown us in our move from Silloth to Perth, Western Australia. It has taken eighteen months from when our visas were first applied for until the final day of departure. We only hope it has been worth the wait. We flew out of Manchester airport on Friday 14th July 06 with Singapore airlines with an eighteen hour flight ahead of us. We will definitely keep the 'Buzz' informed of our where abouts and how we are all settling in Down Under. Once again thank you very much for all your support. We shall miss you.

Darren, Karen, Rebecca & Sophie Markley

P.S: Do come and visit and we'll throw some snags on the Barbie.

Dear Buzz,

This letter is for the attention of complainants resident in the Fell View housing estate area. I find it beyond belief that one or some residents of this estate phoned the police to complain about young children playing with a football on the road. The children were not damaging anyone's property, being abusive, or doing anything else untoward. If they had been they would have been punished accordingly by their parents. I for one teach my children the rights and wrongs in life and expect them to treat people with respect but they deserve respect as well. You do not reprimand children for PLAYING. This episode was a total waste of time and resources for the Police. Let them do their job solving genuine crimes.

Name Withheld

Dear Buzz,

Me and my mam would like to thank the people of Silloth and the surrounding area for all the support we received in the lead up to our Race For Life in Carlisle. Altogether with the help from our sponsors, we raised a massive £852 between us, all of which will go to Cancer Research UK!

Many thanks again
Nicole Blake, Silloth

Poem

Poem 'Bottoms Up'
by Whiskers
*I only drive the community bus,
I only follow orders,
I'm told where I have to go,
when I'm with the Morrison Marauders.*

*We were on our way to Workington the day was warm and sweet,
But when I glanced into my mirror, a lady was out of her seat.*

*I've dropped a pound I heard her cry, its rolled right under my seat,
I see it! Cried another voice it's rolled between my feet.*

*Then it happened, I had to stop, for my passengers were up and about,
there were bums stuck up all over the place, what ever is it all about.*

*Were looking for a one pound coin, that's why we are on our knees,
But ladies, all I can see is wobbling bums,
"Go back to your seats please".*

*Frightening lumps from the back to the front, wobbling down the bus,
The only thing I could do was to turn my head and blush.*

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Leading a healthy and active lifestyle is becoming an increasingly important consideration for people of all ages, it is beneficial for everyone and it is never too late to change your ways or start something new. With this in mind Age Concern Northwest Cumbria's Active Living Project is holding a Health and Well Being Day at the Silloth Community Centre on the 7th September from 9:30am until 3.30pm.

The day has been funded by Silloth Health Matters and Age Concern services will be joined by other local agencies including Cumbria Fire and Rescue, Strokeline, Older Persons Forum and Careline. They will provide information and advice on issues which affect health, becoming a more active member of the community, education, training and volunteering, avoiding or overcoming social isolation, becoming more physically active, sustaining a healthy, balanced diet, maximising income, housing and benefits, clubs, groups and social activities. In addition there will be:

- free blood pressure, body mass index and blood sugar checks 9:30am - 12:30pm
- free gentle exercise taster session 10am - 11am
- free healthy eating demonstration and taster session 11:30am - 1pm
- free stress and relaxation class 1:30pm - 3pm
- free refreshments
- raffle

Everyone is welcome to attend the Health and Well Being Day on the 7th September.

For more information on the Active Living Project or the Health and Well Being Day please contact Alison Andrew on 01900 819087.

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