Police Buzz

Report by: Inspector Dave Barr, North Allerdale Local Policing Team

The Solway Coast has seen a period of intense activity recently. The Solfest festival at Tarns was a sell out and passed off with no significant incidents. This again is down to the exhaustive planning done by the committee and their volunteers. A stone sign with the Solfest symbol, which disappeared from the site, after a high profile appeal in the local media and on the internet, turned up at Workington Police Station. It will be back again next year.

Silloth carnival was a great success for the town. The park and ride scheme proved its worth. I have written personally to thank John Coward, who was the senior officer in charge of the Special Constables, who gave up their Bank Holiday, to police the event. They put in a long day, on both traffic control and foot patrol. Thanks also to Cumbria Fire Service, who allowed us to use the Fire Station for the day, as our operating base. There were no reported incidents of crime.

The Beer Festival also passed off successfully, with only two minor incidents of drunkenness on the Sunday, and in only one of the incidents had the person been in the marquee. A summer to be proud of, where people showed each other "respect".

Community Hospitals

Report by: Eveline Dugdale

The Joint League of Friends of North Cumbria Community Hospitals have had consultants prepare a report on the best way forward, we have distributed this to the Primary Care Trust, G.P.s and councillors. In return we have asked the P.C.T. if we can see the two consultation documents they've commissioned, but so far we've had no reply. We are still hopeful the P.C.T. will agree to work with all interested parties, but until we see some proposals we're in limbo. Government policy is to promote and improve community hospitals, they've put £750 million aside for this purpose.

A lot is being made of the £17 million deficit but that is only 4% of the total budget, surely this could be sorted without such drastic action.

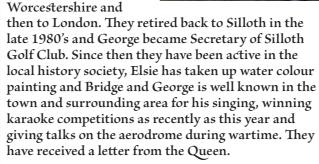
We feel very strongly that all our beds must remain where they are and be fully utilized. We're willing to discuss any other changes which would be beneficial.



Bed Time Bee by Rachel Thornton aged 7 from Stockton-on-Tees

Diamond Wedding

George and Elsie Doughty celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on 19th September 2006. They met during the war when they both worked at Silloth aerodrome and were married in Christ Church, Silloth. George Doughty had moved to the area from Nottingham and Elsie Pattinson was the daughter of a Silloth builder. When the aerodrome closed George's job took them first to Pershore in





Auction of Promises & Deadline Auction



L-R: Barbara Hirst, Brenda Sim, Jean Armstrong (organiser), Margaret Gibson, Audrey Harrison & Jean Cross

An Auction of Promises and Deadline Auction was held in aid of the Abbey Appeal, also included was a guess the weight of a fruit loaf made by Mrs Margaret Beaty of Newton field, this was won by Mrs Mary Mattinson of Annanlea at the weight of 7lb. 6oz.

The Auction was held at the White Heather on Friday September 8th, Andrew Wright was the auctioneer. This event was very well supported by both Parishioners and Friends from a wide area.

The sum of £9,400 was raised for the refurbishment of the Abbey, following the fire in June. This sum far exceeded expectations, and the PCC would like to express their sincere thanks to all who contributed in any way to this fantastically successful appeal.

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