

## Mawbray Village Hall

Holme St Cuthbert History Group have the pleasure in hosting a local history talk, 'DOWN THE LINE TO SILLOTH' by well known local historian Mr John Huggon. This is on Thursday 9th November at 7pm in Mawbray village hall, entrance £2.50 includes refreshments, pay on door. Mr Huggon will be showing many wonderful slides and old photos which chart the building of this railway line and the development of Silloth and the docks.

Canadian group the 'Polyjesters' bring their own version of folk, blue grass and good jazz on Friday 17th November at 7:30pm. Bring your own refreshments to this great family entertainment. Price £4, children £2.

The Christmas Market will be held on Sunday 26th November 10-4. Featuring an excellent range of gifts and quality local produce and festive foods. Teas and light refreshments available as usual.

Celebrate the Festive season and join us at a Carol Concert with Flimby Saxhorn Silver Band on Thursday 14th December at 7.30. £4 includes glass of mulled wine and mince pie.

Celebrate the end of 2006 at our New Years

## Wigton Arthritis Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

Wigton Arthritis Support Group met at Loveday House on Friday 1st September.

Edna Marper Chairman welcomed everyone, especially Norma and Gladys who were both back after having successful knee replacements. Edna and Jack have both had cataracts removed and are feeling the benefit. Dorothy Watson has had to resign as treasurer due to health problems so Edna asked everyone to consider if they could take over.

Everyone had enjoyed the outing in August to Houghton Garden Centre. There is to be An Expert Patient Course held in Carlisle, five weekly meetings, beginning September 14th. Everyone with a chronic illness is welcome to enrol. Several of our members use the Gym at Water Street each Monday and the Hydro Pool opened again on September 19th.

Edna then introduced Margaret Armstrong and June Fearon who brought an assortment of Crystals. A tray of

Eve Family celebration. Shared supper, bar and disco. December 31st.

For further information contact Steve 01900 881499 or Karen on 01900881353.

various ones was passed around and everyone chose one then June and Margaret moved round explaining the healing properties of each one. Some calming to help relaxation, others invigorating, some help cramp others blood pressure, circulation, gout, cataracts, or depression. Several Members bought items that took their eye. Margaret and June were thanked by Gladys Temple for a very interesting and informative afternoon. Francis Green and Mary Thompson served refreshments helped by Anne Graham. June and Margaret gave five prizes for the raffle and these were won by Dorothy Watson, Francis Green, Fred Wilson, Mary Thompson and Lynda Reay.

The New Year Party has been booked at the Joiners Arms, Newton Arlosh on 5th January 2007. The next meeting will be on 6th October when we hope to have a speaker on Fairtrade.

## Shopping Trip

The annual shopping trip to Preston will be held on Saturday 18th November 2006.

Anyone interested please contact Olga Wood, 1 Petteril Terrace, Silloth or phone 31013. The pick-up locations are Silloth, Abbeytown and Wigton.

## Coal Yard Re-opens

Ferguson Fuels of Abbeytown was originally founded in 1950 by George W Ferguson and wife Lillian. For 53 years, Ferguson Fuels had an unbeaten reputation for quality of products and friendly service.

Sadly in 2001, George F Ferguson (trading as Messrs Ferguson) died, and consequently in 2003 the business was sold to Barlows Coal Merchants Ltd, who continued to trade using the Ferguson name.

Unfortunately for Mr Barlow, in February 2006 his business went into liquidation and the trading of all coal ceased.

In recent months, Wayne Ferguson (son of the late George F Ferguson) has salvaged the remains of the business and is now fully operational, and trading under the new name of W Ferguson Fuels.

Wayne would like to thank all customers, past and present for their kind support.

He can be contacted on the new telephone number 016973 61038.

## Book Signing

"ROMAN SAGA IN SILLOTH"

Staffordshire author, Peter Breakwell, will be signing copies of his book 'Octavian's Chalice' at Bank Mill Nurseries in Beckfoot on Sunday the 22nd and Sunday 29th October between 12 and 1:30pm.

His novel continues where the BBC TV series "ROME" concluded with the death of Julius Caesar. It follows the clashes between Octavian and Marc Antony, as each pursue their ruthless quest for leadership of the Roman Empire... but it's the heroic deeds of a Greek slave that determine their destiny.

Reviews describe the book as "... a compelling and authentic portrayal of the ancient Romans in friendship, love and war..."

Signed paperback copies will be available at £5 each and Peter is making a 50% donation of the proceeds to Bank Mill's chosen charity.

Should any charities in the Silloth area wish to raise funds in this way, please contact Peter on 01900 881134.

## Mayors Report

Unfortunately due to illness I was unable to attend the September meetings of the Town Council, however I will include details with next months when I have read the minutes.

In recent weeks several members of the public have raised concerns with regards to pedestrians having fallen on the uneven pavements around the town. I personally have raised the matter with the Highways Department, who always say the same thing, we have no funds. When I ask about the number of reported falls their reply is there are no records. Can I please ask anyone who falls or knows of any incidents to report the time, date and location preferably in writing.

This can either be via the Town Council which will back up our requests for work to be carried out or write direct to Cumbria Highways, Anthorne House, Irish Street, Maryport. Your final option is the Highways hot line 24hrs on 0845 609 6609. Please do not suffer in silence, if the authority are not aware of the number of people falling they think everything is ok, hence no pressure to do any repairs. Please help yourself and us to get the repairs carried out.



The Honey Mart by Annabelle Brown aged 9 from Bouncing Babies Childminder

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