

Letters

Dear Buzz,

I love reading the Solway buzz whilst we are staying in our caravan on Hilton Park. But one thing I would love to see is competitions maybe with prizes or vouchers for local shops.

Vanessa Lowder

PS If anyone has any ideas and can supply them, the Buzz will be delighted to include competitions on a regular basis.

Dear Buzz,

As I left the Promenade after the Red Arrows Display on Monday afternoon, I was inundated with favourable comments along the lines of "that was the best Red Arrows Display I've ever seen", "Can we do it again next year?", and "What a fantastic way to spend a Bank Holiday!" My congratulations therefore go to the Silloth Carnival Committee, particularly to John Hope and Lawrence Marshall, for accepting the challenge of arranging the support so necessary for the event. I believe that they "took a lot of stick" and criticism from a number of people who doubted that it could be done; but they kept faith, absorbed the criticism and continued undaunted to produce a most memorable and successful event. No doubt there were a few problems; but if these are presented as helpful comments in a rational manner rather than blatant objections, then I'm sure

the whole committee will be encouraged to take those comments on board and make future events equally successful. The people of Silloth should be very proud of their achievements - in my experience there a few communities with such a good corporate spirit as I saw demonstrated this weekend.

Well done Silloth.

With thanks and sincerity,

Tony Parrini

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Regional Community
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Officer (Cumbria and
Tyndale)

Dear Buzz,

On behalf of the residents and visitors to our beloved town, I feel a great vote of thanks must be given to the small group of people who make up the Carnival Committee. Whom on being offered the chance of the Red Arrows decided to grab the opportunity and along with help from Tony Parrini, members of various Rotary Clubs, Inspector Barr Wigton and Army Cadets Force. It took a lot of hours of planning with regular meetings from January until the great day, which everyone must agree was beyond all dreams. Many visitors who had seen the Red Arrows in other shows stated ours was the best venue yet. It was hard work finding the fundings, (shows like this do not come for free) much as

some people tend to think. The use of the park and ride system was well appreciated by most residents of the town.

Thanks again to all concerned, here's to next year.

Graham Wilkinson

Dear Buzz,

We are a small town and most children here will have attended the primary school where the staff work very hard to provide a good education and a happy learning environment, therefore I find it very hard to understand the mindless vandalism that goes on around the school. On our first day back we were shocked to find the infants playhouse door broken off its hinges, the windows smashed, the small tables and chairs broken, garden tubs tipped over and the outdoor area totally trashed. Lesser acts of vandalism have been going on for a long time but this is by far the worst incident. All the equipment costs the school a lot of money and isn't always replaceable therefore the children are deprived of vital learning resources. We would ask is anyone living around the school sees or hears anyone in the school grounds to report them to the police or to the school and make our school a safe and pleasant environment for our children to learn in.

Mary Hillhouse
Nursery assistant
Silloth Primary School

Dear Buzz,

I would like to thank my many friends and customers from the Wigton market fruit stall, for their cards, flowers, gifts. Their visits meant a lot due to their concern regarding the injury to my knee (broken Kneecap) on 6th June. Many thanks also to Doctors Ross and Jones, nurse Christine and the care and help from Susan Davidson. Thank you all.

Olga M. Wood

Dear Buzz,

This letter is written in the hope it will go some way to clearing the air of any ill feeling generated by police action earlier this summer, regarding nuisance by children playing on the road. When driven to distraction earlier in the evening by certain youth and his friends, two of which were young women, who bombarded the windows and walls of my home with a football and tennis balls -- I called the police. It was not the first time. I can no longer argue with youths who stand and snigger at you when you protest and try to reason. This was more than 'once too often' and I reported the incident. Unfortunately, it was over half an hour later when the police arrived, but by then the usual teenage gang of useless nuisances had dispersed. I learned quite some days later that although the original culprits had made

a nuisance of themselves all over the estate, all the police had found was a group of small children playing in the road, so they had taken the opportunity to point out the dangers if this! There are too many rotten minded youths in this small town, with too little to usefully occupy them. It is a great pity Magistrate Courts have been closed and local Bobbies have disappeared. I am sure those ladies (or lady) who wrote in defence of the 'rights of small children', realises how easy it can be to misunderstand actions well meant.

Shirley Sim

Dear Buzz,

I am writing again with regard to having the Sunday Market brought back to either the main street or the green.

Since I last write to you my condition has deteriorated rapidly and I now cannot walk at all without crutches. I now have a motorised scooter and this is a big help for going around the market etc.

There are a lot of people in the same condition I am in and on the other end of the scale there are young mothers with prams who find it difficult to travel on buses - if there were many! There are so many people asking me to contact you again that I thought I had better do just that. Your help in this matter will be appreciated.

C A Greaves

Dear Buzz,

I believe there has been a petition signed by many for the market to remain in the town. Could the Council (or Allerdale) let us know how many signatures were on this? I have heard also that we in Silloth pay almost the highest rates in Allerdale - this is presumably because of our green. If this is the case why are we not allowed to use it? It seems most unfair that we pay for a facility which is not accessible to the local community, with the exception of "one-off" events like the Beer Festival etc. As well as the difficulties faced by many in walking to the airfield, a local market would surely be of benefit to the local tradesmen. Council comments would be appreciated.

Jean Smith



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