

Holm Cultram Abbey School Nativity Play



Above: Infants performed "Humph the Camel"
Below: Juniors performed "Jack and the Beanstalk"



Report by: Linda McDonald

Holm Cultram Abbey performed their Christmas Production for parents, relatives and friends.

The Infant class performed a version of the Nativity entitled 'Humph the Camel', about a grumpy camel

who wouldn't talk! The Junior classes performed the Roald Dahl version of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' - a hilarious interpretation of the traditional tale! Charlotte Frazer-Graham and Nicki Graham had the audience in stitches with

their rhyming repartee, and Mark Beaty was positively fearsome as the Giant! Our thanks go to all staff, parents and helpers, and of course to the children who worked so hard and entertained the audience superbly from start to finish.

Holme St. Cuthbert Nativity Play



Report by: Shelagh Daniel

Holme St. Cuthbert School held their Christmas Nativity Play in the lovely setting of Holme St. Cuthbert Church.

The church was packed out as friends and family of the children came to watch their festive and moving performance. The play was written by

Rosie de Mello, it was a traditional telling of the Christmas Story and was full of songs, both traditional and modern. It included a new song- "Gloria" which was specially written for the children by Brian Melville, who provided the music. The children were brilliant, confident and singing their hearts out. They looked

wonderful, too. This particular song had its first public performance two days earlier when the school choir had sung at the Christmas Concert with the Carnegie Singers. After the Nativity Play, everyone was invited into the school to enjoy coffee, mince pies and a get together before the Christmas Holiday.

Letters

Dear Buzz,

On behalf of Stanwix Park I would like to apologies to any local businesses who may not have received invitations to attend the Silloth Businesses Christmas Party in December. It seems we need to extend our database of local businesses, which is largely based on those who advertise in the Solway Buzz. Please, send me a note of your details and we will add them to our list so that all businesses can be informed of these events. Send your details to: Stanwix Park Greenrow Silloth, CA7 4HH marked for my attention.

Eric Stanwix jnr.

Dear Buzz & Dear Santa,

On Friday night the 8th December we thought we had missed you. I took little Ryan my grandson to the fair you had. We were late in getting there, he had a nice go on the roundabout. I then said we will go and see Santa only to see Santas bum going into the Albion to put his normal clothes back on. Oh! I said never mind pet and a voice said did Ryan want to see Santa? I said well he did but it doesn't matter. The lady was one of Santas helpers. Its no bother she says, dives into the van, brings a present out, flew past me and said by the time you get in Santa will be on the stairs coming down and he was.

Ryan didn't know what to think, Santa was talking to him and saying his name, he played with one of those cars all night. I just want to thank you for your love and kindness to him, Silloth is a little town with a big heart. Thank you once again.

Ryan & his Gran

Dear Buzz,

It was good to see Christ church and some other businesses had Christmas lights. Also the numerous private houses with many varied decorations. Thanks to Bill Aymes and his friend (known as Bill Oddie) for erecting the Christ Church lights. It was rather unfortunate they had to be dismantled rather sooner than intended on January 2nd, due to vandalism. It was due to new legislation that the usual street lights could not be erected. Hopefully next Christmas the town will be decorated with lights meeting the new requirements.

Lawrence Marshall

Dear Buzz

I enjoy the Solway Buzz... Kudo's to you...I had a house in Silloth for four years and still travel back periodically...coming this spring and have already used the "Buzz".... sent an e-mail off to the Nith View B&B requesting rate info... I am trying to track down a chap who used to look after our house when we were gone. His name is Jack Chorley. I gather he moved into the home near Solway street in Silloth. I lost his phone number, hopefully he's still alive. Any help would be appreciated As I said, love reading the paper.

Cam Robinson
Toronto, Canada

Sponsored Walk

Report by:
Bill & Marilyn Amyes

Many thanks to all who trekked along the beach from Silloth to Maryport and raised £700 to be shared between Silloth First Responders and the Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance. The actual amount received was £673-06 but a straggler who came on the bus sponsored herself for £26-94 i.e. for walking from Senhouse Street to the Navy Club. We hope to see more adventurous souls next trip. PS Anyone interested in doing the "Millers Walk" the journey made by the founder of Carr's Mill, from Kendal to Carlisle (in stages) nearer Easter please ring Silloth 31687.

No Christmas Lights Party



Dancing under the 'Snow Machine' kept many warm At short notice a "No Christmas Lights Switch-On Party" was held on Eden Street. Fletcher's Fun Fair and Santa Claus were in attendance and the Primary School Choir sang beautifully to entertain the crowds. MC Jazzy Jim pointed out the specially arranged fly past of the famous Black Arrows in their Stealth Bombers but unfortunately some failed to notice. The most popular item was the Snow Machine which kept everyone entertained trying to catch snowflakes in the wind. All the children attending were given 'light sticks' and a torchlight procession of happy revellers wound its way around the town.

Carol Service

Report by: Derek Shaw

The evening Carol service was held on 10th December, and what a lively Service it was. The Church was beautifully decorated and over 100 attended. The children dressed as angels and shepherds and Brownies in uniform sang 'Away in a Manger'. Members of the church: Jean Wilson, Elizabeth Lowther, Diana Shaw, Pamela Blaylock and William Dolling did readings.

Leading the Service was Mrs Margaret Gates with Mr Derek Shaw playing the Organ. Refreshments were served in the School Room, which was looking very festive. The collection on the evening raised £117 for Church funds.