Silloth Tennis Club Christmas Party



present for everyone. It was a great way to get everyone in the festive holiday mood.

Silloth Tennis Club #1

Oliver & Hannah Are 2006 County Mini Tennis Green Champs!

Hannah Story and Oliver Neilly are the toast of Cumbria after becoming County Champions at mini tennis green level in Ulverston Tennis Centre, and the day of glory for Silloth Tennis Club didn't end there as both plate trophies came back to Silloth with wins for Luke Graham and Emily Wise respectively.

In truth, after her North Cumbria victory Hannah seemed destined for the full title and she never really looked like losing as her commanding ground-strokes saw her through to a 10-3 final victory, with Emily making the quarter finals and then winning her plate final 10-1.

The boys' event was fascinating; especially as precompetition favourite Ross Johnstone was beaten by Luke Graham in the initial group stages. This really opened up the draw with Luke unlucky to fall 10-9 in



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the quarter-finals. Ross put his earlier defeat behind him making the semis where he came up against good friend Oliver Neilly in what was a rematch of the north Cumbria final where Ross was victorious.

Oliver, obviously on something of a mission this time was in fine form and came through 10-5. His final performance was something else as higher ranked Patrick Rycroft was swept aside by the incredible scoreline of 10-0 with Luke making up for his earlier disappointment by taking the plate title as well.

Solway Fitness Centre

Boxercise Classes on Thursdays @ 6pm **Booking Required**

Mayor's Report - December meeting

The Chairman reported on his attendances, which included an enjoyable day with the Officers and Crew of "HMS Biter", sailing from Brunswick Dock, Liverpool to Salford Quay.

PC Andy Robertson reported the surgeries being held in the Fire Station on the first Monday of the month are well attended.

Correspondence dealt with included; response to Allerdale Borough Council's corporate improvement plan, Association of Local **Councils Consultation** into the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Forums.

Following last months request from Allerdale B.C. asking if the town would consider taking over the day to day maintenance of the four toilet blocks in the town, an outline of the funding was received and was found inadequate, this will be relayed to Allerdale B.C. for further consideration.

Planning applications dealt with included the Town Council approval of the development of both the Railway Station and Police Station. We have objected to any further development on the Solway Lido site, as it lies within a flood plain and the sewage system will not be able to cope. We also lodged an objection to the Skinburness Hotel development.

Reports were given on outside Bodies; Primary School are in the process of appointing a new Clerk, Joint

Advisory Committee are recruiting a replacement Educational Officer, Silloth Tourist Action Group are looking for a new Secretary, any one interested are requested to make themselves known. The new promotional leaflet and website are being developed, these will be circulated in the spring. The Regeneration Partnership have received a grant of £8,000 from Awards for All to help their National Lottery bid for The Green. Sea Dyke Charity, had awarded £3,000 to

the Convalescent Home. Silloth Sunday Market, the question was raised as to the use of the Green. The Town Council are not in favour of this option as the stall holders pay rent to a private company, who operate under the Market Charter held by Allerdale B.C., who also have authority to close the street on market days.

A question was raised with regard to the Christmas lights in the town, as the Council have budgeted £5,000 but to date no work has been carried out regarding feeder pillars. Bill Allison reported that the small group of volunteers have been going through all the legal documents relating to the erection of

lights within the streets. Also permission has to be given by property owners for the fixing of cables and time clocks to walls with all fittings having to be non-corrosive. United Utilities have been most helpful in the matter and await further instruction from the group, who must also find two million, yes! Two million cover from an insurance company before any work can start.

A request has gone to County Highways for a pedestrian crossing between the playing field and the Crofts.

With regard to a speed indication device, following discussions by the Town Council and representations from Parish Councils, it was agreed to fund a group venture where the police will move the device around the area. Most drivers will have noted one in use at Allonby and more recently at Blitterlees, these are to be followed up by police speed checks.



by Anna Middleton aged 6 from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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