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by
Adele Wood
aged 9
from
Silloth
Primary
School

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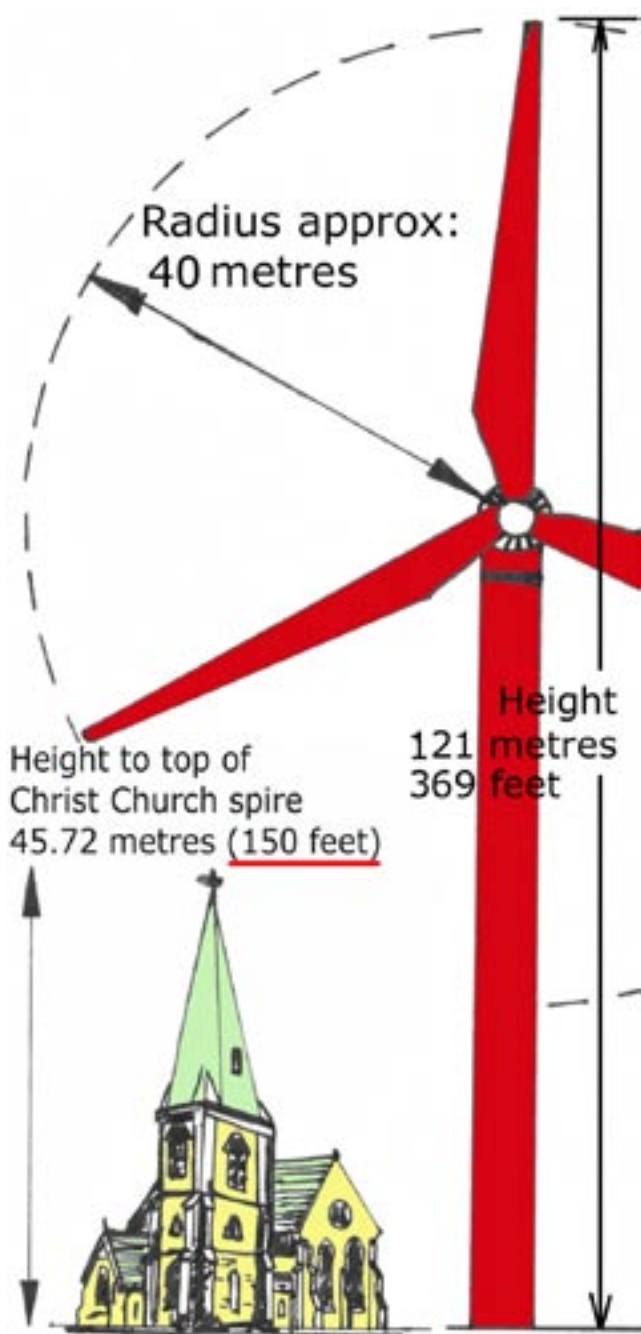
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Wind Turbine Threat



We have been informed that Npower Renewables Limited intend to submit a second application for permission to erect four wind turbines and their associated infrastructure at Parkhead Farm, near Silloth.

Readers of the Buzz will recall that an application was submitted in June 2004

by NPower to erect six wind turbines on this site but the application was refused by Allerdale Borough Council. At that time a vigorous campaign was fought by Silloth on Solway Action Committee (SOSAC) and other concerned parties such as the AONB, English Heritage and the RSPB.

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Lowther Arms Opens Again

After the death of Landlady Elsie Pigg in August 2005, the Lowther Arms was advertised for sale and was jointly purchased by Miss Dawn Lindsay and Mr Andrew Mattinson who have renovated the bar and enlarged the main room.

The opening ceremony took place at 6pm on the 23rd December with carol singing by villagers and cutting of a Ribbon at the door. A free pint of Beer or a glass of Mulled Wine with soft drinks for the children were given that night.

The closing of the pub hit the village community, especially the domino players which included 92 year old Leslie Robinson from Wolsty. He recalled that it once closed for a fortnight for renovations, in his 75 years of visiting only four different alterations took place. It was once State Controlled with Mr & Mrs Tom Graham as Landlords, Tom was also the Blacksmith which



Story & Photos by: Bill & Winifred Allan

Above: Children and families were made welcome

Below: 92 year old Leslie Robinson gets a pint at last

was across the road next to the village shop. Since those days both the shop, which had the post office, and the Blacksmiths have gone, and for the last year doubts were cast on whether the pub would open again, but to the relief of many it has, and with a full house. The homeliness, welcome from the staff and big open fire were very welcome to all.



Silloth & District Pensioners Party



Report by: Diana Shaw

Silloth and District Pensioners held their Annual Pre-Christmas Party at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre.

Chairperson Diana Shaw welcomed everyone to the party in Stanwix Park's beautiful new Ballroom, what a lovely place to hold a party. Tea was served at 4.45pm with 120 people sitting down to Turkey and Ham salad, tea and bread and butter, lovely cakes and sherry trifle. The caterers being Gwen Atkinson of Aspatria.

During 2006 the Committee has worked hard with Coffee mornings and Afternoon teas. Diana thanked everyone who had baked cakes and collected Bric-a-Brac for the stalls at these events.

The Recreation Hall

had a spruce up with new tables and chairs, which was made possible thanks to a donation from Silloth Community Charity Shop.

During the afternoon a free drawing was held in which there were 60 prizes, thanks must go to Judith Jameson for once again selecting and arranging all the prizes for the draw (the free tickets were under the saucer). Thanks also to Mary Murphy and Maureen Moore who bake for the stall.

The entertainment was in the capable hands of Joan and Danny who had everyone up



dancing or tapping their feet to the music. The atmosphere that night was really good and everyone went home saying what a lovely party it was.

Thanking all the Committee and the extra ladies who come to help whenever asked. We are always looking for people to serve on the Committee, anyone who would like to help, we would be glad to have them.



Police Report

Report by:
Inspector Dave Barr
North Allerdale Local
Policing Team

Christmas and New Year passed off relatively peacefully in North Allerdale.

Unfortunately there were a spate of incidents at the Silloth Community College during the school holidays: a number of windows were damaged as were down spouts and gutters. We are asking anyone with information to contact Wigton Police Station on 0845 330 0247 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

We are also asking for any information in connection with the following crimes: A green Kawasaki ZX6R Motorcycle was reported stolen from Fell View on the 11th December, it has not be found yet. Two cars were damaged on the 14th December. A Peugeot car had its rear window smashed on Wampool Street, whilst a Toyota car had a corrosive substance poured over it on Waver Street. On New Years Eve or New Years Day, a wing mirror was kicked off a car parked on Waver Street. On 3rd January the telephone kiosk on the junction of Skinburness Road and Moricambe Park had its cash box forced and the coins taken. On 5th January a Ford car parked on Solway Street had a window smashed and an Alpine DVD player stolen. Finally, we are attempting to find the owner of a white Ford Escort van which was found on 7th January at the recycling centre with a smashed window.

Contact for any of these incidents can be made on the telephone numbers given above.

Belly Bee
by Eve Fisher aged 5
from Holme St, Cuthbert School



Hellrigg Wind Turbines

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This new application is for up to four wind turbines each of a maximum height from ground level to blade tip of 121m (396ft) and a tower height not exceeding 80m (260ft). The application submitted in 2004 was for six turbines with a ground to blade tip height of 105m (344ft). The sketch on page 1 gives an indication of the height of these turbines, compared with the spire of Silloth Church.

Obviously the visual impact of this new proposal will be greater than the first one.

Npower will be required to undertake environmental studies in support of this application. As far as we are aware, the same environmental issues exist now as they did

in 2004, e.g. AONB, tourism and wild life.

For further information look on the Cumbria County Council website, under the following headings: Cumbria County Council Windfarms Joint Supplementary Planning Document Landscape Capacity Assessment Part 2 Landscape Type 2 Coastal Margins.

These utilities want the wind turbines to stretch from Workington to Silloth! If we become a large wind factory, how many tourist visitors will we then see? We must all fight to stop this desecration of our beautiful landscape.

Let SOSAC know you support them, call Monty on 016973 31062 or Caroline on 016973 45125.

Male Voice Choir



On December 8th the Men's Choir organised a successful Christmas concert and meal in Christ Church Hall.

All the tickets were sold for this annual pea & pie and trifle with mince pies to finish. The choir members serve up the meal and provide the food. The choir consists of 15 members with Mr Bill Hall of Wigton the musical director and pianist. Soloists were Jim Brough, Harry Crawford and Harold Bosward with Lawrence Marshall the MC. Choir events organiser is Ernest Graham from St. Pauls.

The concert was in two parts with 12 songs and carols in each part. The audience were invited to join in the singing of some of the carols. During the interval the drawing took place with a large number of prizes which were donated by the choir and friends of the choir.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev Allan Byrom at the end of an enjoyable evening.

SILLOTH COMMUNITY TRAVEL PLAN



Would you like to help shape the future of travel and transport in Silloth
An event to identify transport needs and determine priorities for a "Community Travel Plan" in Silloth will take place:-

7pm
Monday 29 January 2007
Silloth Primary School

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Holme St. Cuthberts Christingle



Report by: Mrs L Tembey

On the 24th December our annual

Down the Line

Report by: Holme St Cuthberts History Group

John Huggon treated an audience in Culterham Hall, Mawbray to a wonderful collection of slides in November. There was a fascinating display, and expert information was given throughout. The show covered the building of the railway into Silloth, the growth of the town and the construction of the harbour.

For enthusiasts of these three aspects of Silloth, there were many slides to illustrate the history of each. The audience could see just how the railway and harbour brought Silloth into being. It was a great pleasure to see the results of all the painstaking research, and to enjoy an evening packed with information. The evening raised £160 for the Abbey Restoration Fund.

Christingle was held at Holme St Cuthbert Church with a good attendance of all ages from the surrounding area.

The service was taken by Rev David Tembey, one of the highlights was the reading of the Christmas Story with the children surrounding him on the chancel steps.

During the service the Vicar presented a certificate received from the Church of England Childrens' Society to Churchwarden Mr Joe Armstrong. Mr Armstrong has given 60 years service to the Church by continually giving donations received by Carol Singing around the Parish, Christingle service collections and from the school's carol services held in Church.

The carol singers visit every home in the parish over four nights, people of all ages join in. It was started by the Rev F Swift. Joe was a founder member. Vicar's including Reverend's G Gunn, R French, D Blake, A Whipp, H Grainger and David Tembey have all carried on the tradition.

Thanking the vicar

Joe presented him with a small wooden cross on a silver chain which had been carved and given by Mr R McMinn of Beckfoot, this being part of the charred wood from St. Mary's in Abbey Town following the fire in June 2006. Accepting this surprise gift, the vicar expressed his pleasure and said he would wear it with great pride as a permanent reminder of a real hope in the future.

Another presentation by Mrs L Tembey was a cheque from the Carlisle Diocese Mothers' Union 1 to 5 Bursary fund. This will be used to purchase musical instruments and other equipment to further develop the valuable Children's work.



Holme Cultram Abbey Christingle



At Holme Cultram St Mary's Abbey Town on a cold, raw but dry Christmas Eve the annual Christingle service was held in the roof-less Abbey. It was an unforgettable setting of straw bales and paraffin lamps, candles and flash lights.

People turned up with their own handmade

lanterns. There were plenty of people on "safety watch" and the whole event went off without a problem.

A very large congregation, of 183 people of all ages, braved the cold to watch some of the children present "Countdown to Christmas", depicting the Nativity in words

and music. This formed part of the Christingle Service.

The children also led the singing. It was an excellent effort all around.

The performance was very special indeed and everyone present was pleased to be back in the original Church once again.

Christmas Sing-Along

Report by: Ralph Pickering

It was a Joyous group of people who assembled in the Golf Hotel the week before Christmas.

With a great keyboard instrumentalist to accompany them they were there to sing their hearts out for the Christmas celebrations. There never was a birthday party like this one! Helped along with delicious mince pies and Christmas spirit from

Fausto and his staff (who sang along too) the evening all too quickly passed by.

All departed on a frosty and foggy night with sincere wishes that more will join them next year.



Back to School Bee
by
Molly Gilroy
aged 8
from
Holm Cultram Abbey School

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Domino Drive – Recreation Hall, Eden Street
Playing Field @ 7:30pm

Tuesdays
Bingo – Bowling Club, Eden Street @ 7pm
Whist Drive – Recreation Hall, Eden Street
Playing Field @ 2pm

Wednesdays
Coffee Morning – Silloth Nursing Home @ 10am
Bingo – Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:30pm

Thursdays
Market – Criffel Street 10am to 4pm
Whist Drive – Recreation Hall, Eden Street
Playing Field @ 7:30pm

Fridays
Bingo – R.A.F.A. Club @ 7:30pm

Saturdays
Bingo – Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:30pm
Music & Dancing – R.A.F.A. Club, evening

Sundays
Market – Criffel Street 10am to 4pm
Market & Car Boot – Silloth Airfield 10am to 4pm
RNLI – Exercise @ 10am
Bingo – Bowling Club, Eden Street @ 7pm

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Silloth Tots & Toddlers

Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in Christ Church Hall, Silloth and is open to all children aged from 0 to 4.

Sessions are on:
Wed: 9:30pm to 11am
and
Fridays: 9:30am to 11am

Entry is £1 per family and this includes refreshments

All Welcome
Call in for a friendly chat

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Dates for the Diary

January

21st Trinity Methodist United Service at Evangelical Church

24th Trinity Methodist Pop-in soup, etc @ 11:45am

26th Tim Barker's Quiz Night in Christ Church Hall @ 7pm, entry £10 per team of four, spectators £1.50

27th Silloth Tennis Club event in Dunes Cabaret bar at Stanwix Park, entertainment by AWOL, tickets from Committee Members

28th Trinity Methodist Morning Service @ 10:30am Rev. I Haywood

29th Trinity Methodist Pop-in soup, etc @ 11:45am

29th Solway Coast Neighbourhood Forum meeting @ 7pm in Silloth Primary School discussing Silloth Community Travel Plan

February

4th Trinity Methodist Morning Service @ 10:30am Rev. J Millard CS

6th Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45pm to 3:45pm contact Mary Pigg on 31553

7th Age Concern Drop-In at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Abbeystown from 12 noon to 2pm for information and to listen to your concerns

11th Trinity Methodist Morning Service @ 10:30am Mr R Jardine

11th Wigton Choral Society in St Aidans Church, Carlisle @ 6:30pm Choral Evensong, everyone welcome

13th Wigton Theatre Club Daisy Pulls It Off @ 7:30pm tickets £5 / £4.50, tel: 44620

14th Waver Wine Circle Cheese & Wine Evening Blencogo Village Hall @ 7:30pm

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15th Wigton Theatre Club Daisy Pulls It Off @ 7:30pm tickets £5 / £4.50, tel: 44620

16th Wigton Theatre Club Daisy Pulls It Off @ 7:30pm tickets £5 / £4.50, tel: 44620

17th Wigton Theatre Club Daisy Pulls It Off @ 7:30pm tickets £5 / £4.50, tel: 44620

18th Trinity Methodist Morning Service @ 10:30am Mrs B Jagger

20th Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45pm to 3:45pm contact Mary Pigg on 31553

22nd Slide show in Christ Church Hall @ 7:30pm

25th Trinity Methodist Morning Service @ 10:30am Mrs D Wallis

March

1st The History of Silloth a slideshow by Holme St. Cuthbert History Group in the Golf Hotel @ 7pm, entry £1

4th Trinity Methodist Morning Service @ 10:30am Rev. J Millard CS

6th Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45pm to 3:45pm contact Mary Pigg on 31553

8th Trinity Methodist Church Anniversary Pop-in @ 11:45am

11th Trinity Methodist Morning Church Anniversary @ 10:30am

14th Waver Wine Circle White Wine (dry) Competition Blencogo Village Hall @ 7:30pm

16th Solway Musical Evening in Christ Church Hall, varied programme, refreshments, entry £3

18th Trinity Methodist Morning Service @ 10:30am Mrs D Wallis

20th Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45pm to 3:45pm contact Mary Pigg on 31553

24th Wigton Choral Society in the Sands Centre, Carlisle @ 7:30pm, Cumbria Rural Choirs, tel: 01228 625222

25th Trinity Methodist Circuit Service Wigton Church Captain R Murphy

April

3rd Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45pm to 3:45pm contact Mary Pigg on 31553

7th Easter Saturday Coffee Morning in Christ Church Hall, 10am to 12 noon stalls, competitions, raffle

7th Silloth Music & Beer Festival 07 Battle of the Bands first heat in Silloth Rugby Club, contact: Stephen Hart on: 016973 31517

11th Waver Wine Circle Annual General Meeting Blencogo Village Hall @ 7:30pm

April continued

17th Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45pm to 3:45pm contact Mary Pigg on 31553

May

1st Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45pm to 3:45pm contact Mary Pigg on 31553

5th Silloth Music & Beer Festival 07 Battle of the Bands second heat in Silloth Rugby Club, contact: Stephen Hart on: 016973 31517

15th Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45pm to 3:45pm contact Mary Pigg on 31553

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19th Wigton Theatre Club Blue Remembered Hills, at 7:30pm tickets £5 / £4.50, tel: 016973 44620

29th Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College from 1:45pm to 3:45pm contact Mary Pigg on 31553

June

16th Wigton Choral Society in Nelson Thomlinson School, Wigton @ 7:30pm
In The Mood For Summer Tickets £8/£2 from Croft House Cards or 01228 710755

23rd Ladies Fellowship Coffee Morning in Christ Church Hall, 10am to 12 noon

July

28th Kite Festival on Silloth Green

29th Kite Festival on Silloth Green

September

6th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

7th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

8th RAFA Leek Club Show

8th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

9th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

Do you have an event in the area bounded by Abbeystown, Mawbray, Silloth, Skinburness, if so please let us know.

Silloth & District Pensioners Calling All Whist & Domino Players Join us in the Recreation Hall Eden St Playing Fields Domino's Monday's at 7:30pm Whist Drives Tuesday's at 2pm and Thursday's at 7:30pm A Welcome awaits you! Don't be Shy, just come and play the games

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Bee a Masthead Winner

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Masthead Bee Winner

This month the winner is Adele Wood from Holme Silloth Primary School with a bee called “Queen Bee”. Well done Adele!

Unlicensed Taxi Driver

At a hearing on 12 December 2006 West Allerdale Magistrates heard how investigations, following a complaint made to Allerdale Borough Council regarding the dirty condition of a hackney carriage licensed to Select Cabs of Silloth revealed that the driver of the vehicle, Robert Tinnion, 24, of Pica Cottages, Pica, Workington, was not licensed nor insured to drive a hackney carriage.

Over two days in April 2006, Council officers witnessed Mr Tinnion touting for taxi business and sitting in the driver's seat of a hackney carriage. When interviewed, Mr Tinnion admitted driving the vehicle as a hackney carriage whilst unlicensed and uninsured.

Mr Tinnion pleaded guilty to the charges driving a hackney carriage when not a licensed driver and driving a hackney carriage without insurance on 24 and 25 April 2006. The case was adjourned until 20th February 2007 for Mr Tinnion to produce his driving licence to the court.

Select Cabs are no longer operating.

Solway Coast AONB Car Treasure Hunt

Report by: Graeme Proud
Solway Coast Ranger Service

The car treasure hunt which was held on 23rd November from the Discovery Centre was not very well attended with only five cars.

It was organised in aid of the Silloth Lifeboat Station "train One, Save Many" Appeal. However, gifts and prizes donated by sponsors are being used as raffle prizes, with drawing tickets available from the Discovery Centre. There are some fantastic prizes to be won.

I would like to thank the following organisations from Silloth and Allonby who sponsored the event by donating gifts and prizes: Carrs Mills, Spar Shop, Bowman's Chemist, Thomson Roddick & Laurie, Serendipity, The Baywatch Hotel, Tom and Irene Brown. The eventual winners of the treasure hunt were Peter and Carol Yates of Allonby who received a fantastic meal for four, courtesy of the Baywatch Hotel, Allonby.

A cheque will be forwarded to the Lifeboat Station Appeal after the draw takes place in January.

Abbeytown Church Fair

Report by: Gladys Temple

The Annual Christmas Fair was held in The Assembly Rooms, Abbeytown. Father Christmas attended and spoke to the Toddlers who got a present from him.

Rev David Tembey drew out the various competitions with the winners being The Cow - Phyllis Dockeray. Santa Andrew, Hamper - Jane Sim, Prizes on the Abbots Stall - Fay Batey, Brooke Steel, Freda Garner, Jars of Sweets - Angela Garner, Naomi Foster, Find the Sixpence - Angela Garner, Blanket - Amy Williamson Whiskey Angela Garner, Port Mary Mattinson, Sherry Margaret Mynes and Wine Jean Armstrong.

The large Draw winners were: Maureen Gibson(2), Malcolm Atkinson, Barbara Hurst (2), Eileen Todhunter(2), Jean Armstrong, Audrey Harrison (2), Dorethy Hodgson, Elsie Donald, Naomi Foster, Elaine Atkinson Mavis Graham, Chris Dixon, Noeline Foster, and Phyllis Dockeray.

Rev Tembey thanked all the providers of the lovely items for sale, the stall holders and everyone for coming. The Fair raised £600 for the Abbey Church.

Rogue Traders

Report by: PC Robertson
Silloth Community Officer

Rogue traders charged a woman £1,350 for roof repairs to her house after giving her a quote of £250. They even took her to the bank to make sure she withdrew enough money to pay the bill. Now police are hunting the culprits who used a transit sized van marked "UK Plastics".

Silloth Community officer PC Andy Robertson said "This was a vulnerable victim who was taken advantage of and the people who prey on the elderly and vulnerable like this are the lowest of the low".

The work was carried out at the victim's home in Silloth. Now PC Robertson believes that others in Silloth may have been victims also, as there have been two other incidents in the town, and urged anyone to contact him on 0845 33 00 247.

He advised people always to be wary of cold callers and use legitimate traders. Genuine traders would not cold call and people should get work carried out by asking around and going by recommendations from friends or family and people who have had work done. Everyone in Silloth should keep an eye out for their neighbours.

Trinity Methodist Church

Report by: Pam Blaylock

On Thursday 7th December Trinity Methodist Church members hosted "A Taste of Christmas".

There were sandwiches (turkey and stuffing, cheese savoury and egg), mince pies or shortbread and tea or coffee. The room was decorated with a tree and a lit up snowman which added to the festive atmosphere. The winner of the quiz sheet was Mrs Barbara Randell. There was also a raffle with the winners of the prizes being: Dorothy Wallis, Margaret Marr, Pam Blaylock, Madeline Tyson, Mrs Thompson, Doreen Carruthers, Isobel Dockeray, Audrey Winter, Ann Winter, Edna Keaverny, Gladys Temple and Diana Wallace.

A magnificent total of £366.72 was raised for Church funds. A big thank you to all who helped and especially to those who turned out in the winter weather.

Postal Voting

Act now to prevent postal vote fraud. Changes in the law to prevent postal vote fraud mean that electors who wish to vote by post in any election, are now required to provide their date of birth and a sample of their signature to Allerdale Borough Council.

Forms asking for these personal details are currently being posted to the 14,250 Allerdale residents who have stated that they would like to vote by post or by proxy. Residents need to return the forms no later than 28th February 2007.

Arthritis Support Group

Report by:
Peggy Bray, Secretary

At the December meeting old Wigtonians and Incomers too, were fascinated by slides of Old Wigton and the informed commentary which Mr Leo Holden presented.

At their monthly meeting held at Loveday House members and some of the House Residents were privileged to have a third visit from Leo. It was greatly enjoyed, with many of the members recalling buildings of the town now demolished and areas now redeveloped. Thanks to Leo and his colleague, Brian, were given by Mrs Dorothy Walson.

Chairman Mrs Edna Marper then spoke about improved medical treatment and equipment for arthritis sufferers.

The drawing was won by Mr Fred Wilson.

January saw the Annual New Year Party, this year held at The Joiners Arms, Newton Arlosh, 28 members enjoyed a lovely three course meal. Chairman Edna Marper thanked everyone for coming to the Meetings last year and wished all Members a Very Happy New Year. She thanked the staff at the Joiners Arms for the efficient service then Anne Graham played the part of Father Christmas and distributed the parcels everyone had brought making sure that none received the same parcel they had brought.

The next Meeting will be held at Loveday House on February 2nd at 1:30pm.



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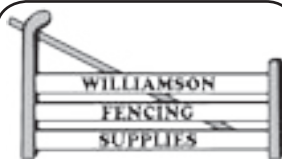
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Firefighters Memorial Service



Report by: Peter Long
Watch Manager of Silloth
Fire Station

On the 10th December a service was held in a packed Christ Church, Silloth, to honour the memory of four Silloth firefighters; John Johnstone, Joseph Bell, Stanley Graham and Alex Ramsay.

Tragically, 50 years ago to the day, they lost their lives on a stormy December evening. They were called out and launched a 14ft rescue boat to go to the rescue of someone reportedly in difficulties on the Solway Marsh. There was no lifeboat in Silloth at

that time and the rescue boat was housed in the fire station and manned when needed by the local firefighters or firemen as they were then called.

After this tragedy a lifeboat was provided by the RNLI and a crew of volunteers were trained up.

During the service the weather outside gave everyone a taste of what it must have been like on that night 50 years ago. The Church was lashed by the wind and rain. A small service was held at the graveyard at Causewayhead where the four firefighters are buried side by side.



Wreaths were laid by Watch Manager Peter Long, Crew Manager Martin Slack, Crew Manager Steven Henderson and Firefighter Michael Aird on behalf of the Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service. Crew Manager Stuart Graham of the Silloth First Responders, Jim

Blake on behalf of the Lifeboat Station and Geoff Betsworth on behalf of Silloth Rotary.

A memorial plaque has since been erected on the front wall of Silloth Fire Station recorded with the date of the tragedy, the names and ages of the four very courageous firefighters.

Christmas Crib Service



Report by:
Tim Barker
aka The Puppet

Christ Church was full at 6pm on Christmas Eve for the annual Crib Service which is still a treat for the younger children of the town.

They're invited to come along dressed as characters to stand round the big crib (with a real baby!) in front of the altar. There were some shepherds and Mary and Joseph but no Wise Men. Most of the girls had decided that they were angels and their mums had agreed for once, dressing them in glorious gowns, all with halos attached.

The service was led by Vicar Alan Byrom and included a number of popular carols sung while the children assembled round the crib. The Christmas story was told this year by lively puppet Benjamin in his Arab head-dress who welcomed everyone to his stable.

The most magical part of the evening was when the church lights were

put out and everyone sat in the soft glow of the candles they had brought with them.

Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed, especially Vicky Carruthers and her son Taylor who was a perfectly behaved baby Jesus.



Skinburness Residents Association

A progress meeting to save the Skinburness Hotel was held in the Golf Hotel on 4th December. Towards the end of the meeting there was a majority vote to resurrect the Skinburness Residents Association

and a committee of 14 evolved. The objective being to tackle local issues, examples were suggested of possible projects to be considered, some of which were long term projects.

There were

memberships taken on the night and a majority vote agreed the membership cost of £10 per annum per household. Anyone wishing to join please complete and return the form. There is additional space on the form for your views and opinions on projects for consideration. Note: Those who have already joined please use the form for your views and mark it "already a member".

The first of the Skinburness Residents Association meetings was held on Sunday 17th December in the Golf Hotel. There are

always a few teething problems when setting up new committees we must apologise to those committee members who were not aware of this first date.

Our next public meeting is on Thursday 15th February at 7:30pm in the Golf Hotel with a view to amending the Constitution. Please come along if you want to join, simply complete the adjoining form and bring it with you. Your views are important and will be considered

Information from future meetings will be published in the Solway Buzz.

Skinburness Residents Association

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RNLI Appeal

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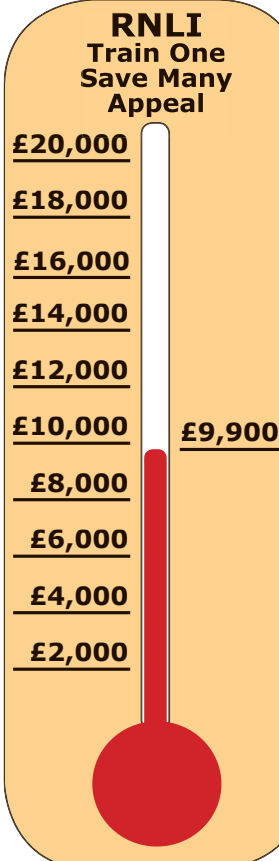
Since the appeal was launched in September the total now raised is almost £10,000.

Donations have been received from many individuals, groups, companies and also from fundraising events. The crew and fund-raisers are still actively raising funds and looking for more help.

Annette Gibbons, food writer, presenter and Cumbrian Woman if the Year is patron of the appeal, and you can help too. You may wish to give a donation, or undertake some form of fundraising such as running a raffle in your local pub, running an event, or taking part in a sponsored event. If you would like more information or help with a fundraising event, please call Eddie Studholme on 016973 61019.

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by Lewis Beatey Allen
aged 10 from
Holme
St. Cuthberts
School



RNLI Donation



Back L-R: Duncan Findlay, Sue Kent, Pat Higgins, Jim Blake, Liam Eland, David Eland, Steve Henderson and Tom Stalker
Front: Eddie Studholme receiving cheque from Eric Stanwix

Silloth Business Community have raised £260 at their Christmas Party on Friday 8th December to go towards the Silloth Lifeboat 'Train One Save Many' Appeal.

Eric Stanwix of Stanwix Park Holiday Centre presents the cheque on behalf of Silloth Business Community, to Eddie Studholme, Operations Manager of Silloth Lifeboat Station.

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So what are the 'A List' Celebrities doing hair-wise this winter? Well, they are going mad for Fringes & Colour.

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Cuts! It's got to be the Pob and the Retro Urchin, could the end of long hair be in sight? It

could be with Victoria Beckham's 60's Pob and Kylie Minogue's Fantastic Urchin cut, it could well be the chop for long hair.

Look out for Kylies cut in the Darling perfume add, she looks absolutely wicked. The same urchin cut looked so cool on top model Maria Carla, who looked sensational strutting her stuff on the Catwalks.

This winter ultra short cuts like this really make a statement, if you have the personality to

shine through, go for it.

If we could offer a little advice, both Kylie and Maria have great bone structure and get away with ultra short cuts. So unless you also have great bone structure, go slightly longer at first and a little feathery at the edges to give a feminine feel to the cut.

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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.

Silloth Primary School Extension



Headmaster Jonathan Dennison conducting as the Choir sang beautifully

On Friday 12th January, Tony Cunningham MP, accompanied by his wife and son officially opened the new £100,000 extension to Silloth Primary School.

His visit started with a question and answer session with the pupils which he says he found quite challenging. The school choir then sang beautifully for everyone before they moved on to the ribbon cutting ceremony which was witnessed by the whole school. What was once a 'hole in the centre' has



L-R: Tony Cunningham MP cutting the ribbon, Tony Markley Mayor Graham Wilkinson, Headmaster Jonathan Dennison

been transformed into a wonderful resource which will enhance the whole school.

Battle of the Bands

The 2007 Battle of the Bands competition heats will be held on Saturday 7th April and Saturday 5th May in Silloth Rugby Club. The winners will get a chance to play at the Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2007. To enter or for more information, please contact Stephen Hart on 016973 31517.



Stanwix Business Party



Stanwix Park hosted a very successful party for local businesses in their newly and smartly fitted out Sunset Inn.

The food and also the entertainment from singer Becks, band Salvador and a comedian went on into the wee small hours, altogether a very successful event which is certain to be a sell-out next Christmas.



Rotary Writing Competition

These four young ladies are all winners of the "Rotary Writing Competition".

They were awarded special edition books and certificates as prizes.



L-R: Kate Pearson, Ann Jones, Rotary President Geoff Betsworth, Leonie Graham & Lesley Maddison



Stevie B
by Shelby Pickering
aged 9 from
Silloth Primary School

Grandma & Grandpa Bee
by Cameron Jackson
aged 11 from
Holm Cultram
Abbey School



Mr King & Mrs Queen
by
Josh Wilson
aged 7
from
Silloth Primary School



Princess Bumble
aged 6
from
Silloth Primary School

Santa's Sleigh Ride with his Little Helpers



Children came out from Moricambe Park to meet Santa and his pony

Report by: Geoff Betsworth

On a considerably less inclement night than last year's visit, Santa Claus landed at Skinburness for his annual trip to Silloth.

Helped by a number of local elves disguised as members of the Rotary Club, (it's too costly to bring his own these days) Santa made his way up Skinburness Road to the town where he was greeted by the children of Silloth. As is customary on these occasions, Santa handed out gifts to the little ones and some quite big ones as well.

The route taken by Santa generally followed the carnival procession route ending up at the Crofts in West Silloth.

Santa and his



The pony decided Santa can have his deer back for 2007

"helpers" would like to thank the good people of the town who turn out with trays of mince pies and various warming beverages.

The Rotary Club

would also like to thank the townspeople for their generosity when the collection buckets came their way and the amount collected exceeded £250!

A photograph of a garden bed. In the foreground, there are several small, green, leafy plants with yellow flowers. To the right, there are many purple flowers with long, thin petals. The ground is covered with dark brown mulch. In the background, there is a large, mossy rock or tree trunk. The overall scene is a lush, green garden.

February is a strange month weather wise, frost and snow used to be commonplace though less in recent years. The traditional saying as the nights get shorter the days get colder is often true and yet the daytime temperatures in February can occasionally equal those of a pleasant summers day. If this proves to be the case, the enthusiastic gardener or those with good intentions can get the gardening year off to a head start. Trees and shrubs, whether

A closer inspection of the garden will reveal a surprising number of flowering shrubs. These include Hammemellis (Witch Hazel), Viburnum, Sarcococca (Christmas Box) Mahonia and Daphne. If your eyes don't spot these shrubs, your nose surely will, as they are perhaps some of the finest scented shrubs. Flowering so early in the year these shrubs have developed a strong scent in order to attract the relatively

Now is the time to order Snowdrops, Aconites and English Bluebells to plant in the green. Buy bulbs from a specialist nursery to ensure they are grown from cultivated stock and not taken from the wild. Feed Daffodils and other bulbs while they are in growth. Aconites and

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Unfortunately the heating in the Assembly Rooms refused to work on the evening of the AGM, but we wrapped up warm and carried on.

President Audrey Harrison welcomed everyone and thanked Isobel Hurst for the festive flower decoration on the President's table. Freda Garner reminded members that there was a schedule available for the Midsummer Extravaganza to take place at Greenhill next year. Items from the County News were read out and names taken to send for tickets to go to see 'Miss Potter' at Keswick on 10th January.

Margaret Moore gave a comprehensive financial report for the year end then Freda read out her Secretary's report reminding us of the many good speakers we have had over the last year and thanking Elsie Donald for compiling such a varied programme which had been enjoyed by so many members. Audrey gave the Presidents address and thanked Freda as Secretary and Margaret as Treasurer for their help and support over the last year. She also thanked her Committee and Vice-Presidents Elsie Donald and Gladys Temple for their support in taking over when she was not available. Audrey was re-elected as President, she asked if everyone on the Committee was willing to continue and welcomed Margaret Mynes as a new Committee member.

The cups were then given out for the most points in the competitions over the year. Winner of the Flower Cup was Elinor Roper, 2nd Freda Garner, 3rd Audrey Harrison. Winner for the best Tryer was Joyce Wilson.

Winner of the General Competitions was again Elinor Roper, joint 2nd Freda Garner and Gladys Temple, joint 3rd Phyllis Dockeray and Noeline Foster, with best Trier being Elsie Donald.

A lovely Buffet Supper provided by Members was served with wine or fruit juice then Irene Irving organized a Christmas Quiz which was won by Freda Garner, 2nd Margaret Mynes, ending in everyone receiving a small prize.

Audrey ended the meeting by congratulating Elinor Roper on her Golden Wedding which had taken place the week before.



Chloe by Billy Harrison aged 6 from Holme St. Cuthbert School

January 2007

Audrey Harrison welcomed everyone to the first Meeting of the New Year. She thanked Margaret Moore for the lovely flower arrangement on her table and Nellie Holliday for the over 4,000 used postage stamps which will be sent to the Air Ambulance Appeal.

Freda Garner read a record of the December AGM and listed all the people who had agreed to take on jobs to help the Committee. The raffle tickets for the large Birthday Party Draw were given out and each Member was asked to sell six books. County Chairman Mrs Eileen Wilson has agreed to attend the 80th Birthday Party in March.

Everyone was reminded to write your name in the book if

you enter the monthly competitions so that a correct record can be kept.

The Darts Competition will be held at Silloth on 19th February at 7:30pm and Muriel Mattinson told all who would be in the team.

Audrey then introduced Mrs Pauline Bibby who gave us the background to her holiday and then showed us slides of 'The Inca Trail'. This was more than a holiday and we had fascinating glimpses of the wonderful buildings and how they had lasted for so many centuries while the scenery was magnificent. The City of Machu Picchu was at the end of five days of trekking, but well worth the spectacle, Freda Garner thanked Pauline for transporting us all on a wonderful journey on such a cold night.

Hostesses Margaret Ackerley and Irene Irving served refreshments then Mrs Wilson's Group provided prizes for the Card Bingo.

The winner of the Christmas Cake Competition was Gladys Temple, 2nd Joyce Wilson, the Christmas Card winner was Elsie Donald, 2nd Freda Garner and the Flower of the month was a Snowdrop from Freda Garner, 2nd Margaret Moore. The Drawing was won by Joyce Wilson, 2nd Gladys Temple.

As the Programmes for 2007 had not arrived Audrey reminded members that next month the speaker will be Mr Prestwich with Slides and the Competitions will be an Egg Cup and a Flower overseen by Elsie Donald, Hostesses Phyllis Dockray, Gladys Temple and Margaret Todd and the Social Time Mrs Hurst's Group.

Trinity Methodist Church Pop-In



Report by: Derek Shaw

The Trinity Methodist Church held their Christmas Pop In "A taste of Christmas" on Thursday 7th December in the school room.

The menu was Turkey, Ham, Cheese Savoury or Egg Mayo Sandwiches, Mince Pies or Shortbread with either Tea or Coffee and a good old chat.

The cake stall did very well as did the Bric-a-Brac. A Raffle was held with seven lucky winners, also a Quiz with Mrs B Randell of Silloth winning first prize and Mrs Hetherington of Aspatria winning second prize. Again the Pop In was a total success with the room full.

The event raised £366.77 for Church



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2ND. FRI.	1156	7.2	****	***	
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4TH. SUN.	0055	7.1	1308	7.4	
5TH. MON.	0129	7.0	1342	7.3	
6TH. TUES.	0200	6.9	1415	7.1	
7TH. WED.	0233	6.6	1447	6.9	
8TH. THUR.	0306	6.4	1523	6.5	
9TH. FRI.	0341	6.1	1601	6.1	
10TH. SAT.	0423	5.6	1647	5.5	
11TH. SUN.	0517	5.1	1747	5.0	
12TH. MON.	0630	4.8	1905	4.8	
13TH. TUES.	0757	5.0	2031	5.0	
14TH. WED.	0911	5.5	2141	5.6	
15TH. THUR.	1005	6.2	2231	6.3	
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17TH. SAT.	1133	7.5	2357	7.4	
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22ND. THUR.	0246	7.5	1508	7.7	
23RD. FRI.	0330	7.1	1555	7.1	
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On the Waterfront

Report by: Tommy Legs

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December was a wet and windy month but again busy.

The first vessel was the Ukrainian molasses tanker ZAPADNY which finally got in after an extended stay at the Isle of Mann due to the weather.

The Russian ship ALEXANDER TVARDOVSKIY was next with fertilizer from St. Petersburg in Russia followed by the ARKLOW STAR with fertilizer from Brombro Wharf on the River Mersey.

The BEN VARREY then brought wheat from Liverpool. The SCOT TRADER brought paper pulp, the BALTISKIY-110 brought wheat and finally the DEFENDER brought fertilizer from the Continent.

Listed Buildings Warning

Owners of listed buildings in Allerdale have been told that they could be liable to prosecution for carrying out unauthorised alterations.

The warning follows a number of cases recently in which illegal work on listed buildings has been carried out. Allerdale Borough Council's Planning and Development Manager, Ric Outhwaite, said: "There is a lot of misunderstanding about what does and doesn't require listed building consent. This can cause unnecessary expense, both in fines and in correcting the problem. Works that affect the building's character need listed building consent and it is a criminal offence to carry out works without listed building consent. It would be far preferable for people, particularly those living in old traditional properties, to check if their building is listed and seek the advice of officers so a suitable proposal can be prepared for consideration."

A listed building is one that's held on a national list of buildings that are judged to have sufficient architectural or historic interest to be worth preserving. If you do not know whether your building is listed, you can contact the Conservation Officer at Allerdale Borough Council or you check on the website: www.imagesofengland.org.uk. Listed building Consent is needed for:

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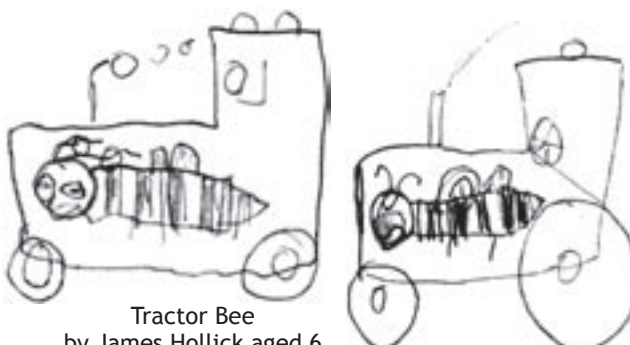
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Silloth Tennis Club Christmas Party



Silloth Tennis Club's 4th annual Christmas parties were held for the first time in the new sports hall.

They were again a great success with music, fun games and competitions and with Santa making a surprise guest appearance with a 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 pre-competition 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

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 score-line of 10-0 with Luke making up for his earlier disappointment by taking the plate title as well.

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 month's 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.



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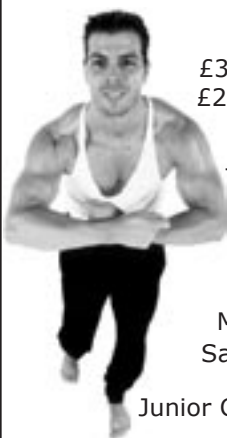
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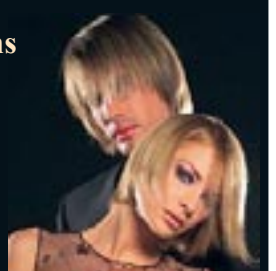
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Silloth Rugby Club Juniors visit Newcastle Falcons



Above: Silloth Rugby Club Juniors Team

Report by: Jimmy Lettice

Silloth Rugby Club Juniors had a great day out as guests of the Newcastle Falcons Rugby Team.

Over 20 lads turned up for a day to remember at the Falcons match day against one of Europe's finest table toppers, the Leicester Tigers.

The morning started with an official tour of the players facilities, exercise rooms, computer suites and changing room which had all the players shirts hanging on their pegs. We could only imagine what the atmosphere would be like just before kick-off.

They then attended a well put together training session with the Falcons players and Coaches putting the Silloth youngsters through their paces. It was interesting and enjoyable to see how it is done by the big boys.

After the coaching session several of our lads helped make up the tunnel for both Leicester and the Falcons to run through. An unforgettable experience with around 12 internationals and many

Below: Ryan Morris showing the way



World Cup players on show.

The game was fantastic, with Toby Flood, the Falcons stand-off the star of the show, scoring the winning points with only seconds

Silloth Tennis Club #2

SOPHIE & GARETH TAKE FESTIVE SILLOTH TITLES!



Above: Gareth & Reece Below: Emily & Sophie



In what was a historical first ever Tennis competition, in the brand new Solway School Sports Hall, a fantastic late night turn out of 21 competitors produced some fine Tennis. Local players Sophie Harrison and Gareth Davenport emerged triumphant with victories over Emily Wise and Reece Blake respectively.

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Silloth Tennis Club #3

TOM & EMILY ARE FIRST XMAS MINI RED CHAMPS!



Above: Tom & Reece Below: Emily & Amy



With the Mini Red County Championships rapidly approaching many of our little 'uns had the chance to test themselves for the very first time.

We held a Christmas event in the brand new Solway School

Sports Hall and it was Silloth's Emily Smith and Abbeytown's Tom Beaty who came through with good victories over Silloth's Amy Aird and Maryport's Reece Sloan respectively.

Other good performances included first outings from Nathan Gray, Erin Henderson, Lee Armstrong, Natalie Stanwix and Spencer Irving.

Silloth Football Club is going forward into 2007 on an optimistic note, hoping to build on a successful season so far.

The men's team are holding their own in the County Premier division after promotion last year and the junior teams competing in the Carlisle Glass Youth League representing at mixed Boys and Girls U-9, U-10 and Boys U-14 level. The club has greatly benefited from using the newly opened Sports Hall which has proved to be a magnificent facility that has seen all our teams have greatly improved attendance levels at training sessions.

During this season we have started training for under 7's and this has been very successful, we will be organising some friendly matches for them in the near future, we have youngsters showing great potential and they will be entered into league football next season. We have purchased a new strip for the team which has been kindly sponsored by Shirley Parker of Top 2 Toe beauty treatments.

The under 9's and under 10's are both doing extremely well and have consistently beaten much bigger teams with greater resources. The under 14's are having a tough season in a 22 team league but with most of the team still eligible to play next season, expect them to improve vastly and they will use this season for experience.

We have upwards of 70 children training with



Silloth U9's Back L-R: Cameron Moore, Adam Dixon, Lee Allen, Greg Ramsay, Front L-R: Tom Beaty, Reece Blake, Jay Scott, Jamie Dixon, (Missing: Alex Brannan)

our qualified coaches. However, we need more volunteers to help at training sessions and matches or better still to run or help to run a team. There are a few age groups who aren't getting the chance to expend some energy and progress their sporting skills on a weekend. If you've got four hours a week (though not every week) to spare, why not volunteer to do a level one coaching course paid for by the club. You don't have to have played football before or pretend to know anything about it and is open to both men and women. Contact any of the committee via



the coaches if you are interested.

Training timings are as follows: U10 training at 4pm U-9's 5pm both Monday, U-7's Wednesday's 5:30pm and U-14's Wednesday's 7:30pm, all in the Sports Hall.

Stats For Silloth U9's

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