## Drama on West Beach (continued)

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Mick was helped by Andrew Butler (B.A.S.I.C.S) and Robert Beresford an A&E nurse at the West Cumberland Hospital.

Around 120 people took part in this difficult exercise. As well as Silloth RNLI there were the Maryport inshore lifeboat, two RNLI boats from Workington, Nith rescue boat from the Dumfries area, Silloth Fire Brigade, Workington Fire Brigade, Cumbria Constabulary, St Johns Ambulance; Paramedics from North West Ambulance



service; Coastguard teams from Maryport and Brough by Sands; Doctors from B.A.S.I.C.S; a Navy Sea King helicopter from HMS Gannet (Prestwick) and Casualty Union volunteers from Carlisle, Dumfries, Barrow and Lockerbie. The Pride of Cumbria air ambulance was coming but had to attend a real emergency. Mick said "the exercise went better than expected, and there was a very positive feedback from all services involved and also the general public about how everyone worked together, enjoyed it and made the exercise a success. I would like to thank everyone involved and a special thanks to Margaret Studholme and helpers who put together a buffet for all afterwards.







## Solway Woodcarving Group



In April 2005 a highly skilled person, along with his family, moved to Silloth from Birmingham.

With immense enthusiasm for his art, he has founded a local wood carving group which meets at 7 pm on Monday evenings at Silloth Community Centre.

Clive Firth started carving in 1983 without any formal training at all, gaining quite a reputation for his ability and uniquely individual approach to the art. He progressed to taking a HE course on the history and practice of traditional Birmingham University under Michael Painter, one of the finest wood carvers in the country.

The local group started in October 2006 with six founder members, the youngest being 11 years old, all having already gained considerable skills in such a short time. Members now number 12, the latest recruit travelling all the way from Workington,





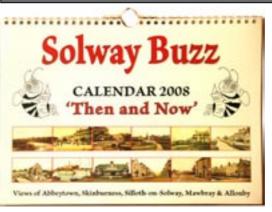
how about that for enthusiasm !

One of our founder members has recently donated to the Silloth RNLI a sizable garden seat, intricately carved with Celtic designs, to be raffled in aid of their funds.

If you have a curiosity or desire, please come along on a Monday evening you will be most welcome. Maybe you could become hooked too and wish to join, we hope so.







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It is an A4 month to a page calendar showing local views 'Then & Now' with a difference of around 100 years between photographs and comes in an envelope ready for posting. It costs £7.95 and is available in several local shops or direct from the Solway Buzz.

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